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RED PLANES BOMB YALU HONG KONG'S LAWS

SOVIET STILL AGGRESSIVE

PEACE DOUBTFUL NO AMBITION TO HARM CHINA

Harbin, Yesterday.
A report to the Rengo agency states that 10 Soviet aeroplanes again raided Bachatu this afternoon, bombing the station and the munition depot. A bomb struck the powder dump, resulting in an explosion, and a conflagration. Another four planes attacked Yalu, halfway between Manchuli and Harbin, the bombing damaging a passenger and goods train. The Chinese forces are demoralised and are now retreating.

APPEAL DENIED

London, Yesterday.
The position regarding the reported British, Japanese, and American demands, and the suggested Russian-Chinese proposals in reference to the Sino-Soviet dispute, is an obscure and complicated that it is impossible to ascertain in authoritative quarters any clear and definite idea of what is happening. It can, however, be reaffirmed that China has not sought anyone's intervention, or appealed to the League of Nations, but informal discussions are being held in regard to the possibility of drawing Russia's and China's attention to their obligations under the Kellogg Pact.

It is not clear with whose authority feelers for reopening direct negotiations between Russia and China have been put.

"UNWILLING" TO FIGHT

Moscow, Yesterday.
In his speech at the opening session of the Central Committee of the Soviets M. Rykov declared that the Soviet military authorities had been forced to take more resolute measures to repulse the provocative attacks by Chinese troops and "White" guards on Soviet territory, and defend the civilian population. The striking superiority of the Soviet army testified that the Soviets had refrained from war, not because they were unable, but because they were unwilling to fight.

I most emphatically declare that the Soviet pursue no other object in China except peace. We do not desire to seize a single metre of Chinese territory. The "Red" army has displayed a high degree of organisation and discipline, and a very careful attitude towards the civilian population of China. Nanking's efforts to secure intervention by the Powers testify to the attempts to disrupt the direct negotiations which have been proposed by Mukden."

The German Ambassador, Herr Von Dirksen, handed to Mr. Litvinoff the Nanking Government's note of Nov. 14. M. Litvinoff, in reply, refers to Chang Hsien-liang's acceptance of the preliminary conditions of settlement, and says that the Nanking Government's proposal can only have the effect of prolonging the conflict, and therefore it is valueless.—Reuter.

RUOMUR DENIED

Moscow, Yesterday.
According to the official Tass Agency, authoritative circles here categorically deny the report of the Kuo Min Agency that the Soviet sent through the German Embassy a Note to the Nanking Government referring the conflict to a third party for settlement.

It is stated that the German Embassy has not presented any Note to the Nanking Government.—Reuter.

POKOTU BOMBED

Harbin, Yesterday.
Yesterday at noon twelve Soviet aeroplanes bombed Pokotu, causing a fire in the station.

The railway authorities have received confirmation from two telegraph operators, who want to Chalutor and returned, that no Soviet troops are now at Chalutor.

It is expected that the first train will be sent to Hallar-to-day. Refugees continue to arrive here from the west.

PEACE PROPOSALS

Tokyo, Yesterday.
According to the vernacular papers here, the Government is not willing to agree to the American proposal for some form of international action in the Sino-Soviet dispute.

Official confirmation is not obtainable, but it is generally believed that neither mediation nor joint arbitration will be accepted.

DRAFTS OF 4 MORE NEW BILLS

CHINA COMPANIES ARMS, CROWN LAND, & DEPORTATION

Four more new Bills—in addition to those which passed their first reading on Thursday—are to be introduced shortly in the Legislative Council, dealing with limited companies, arms and ammunition, resumption of Crown lands, and deportation.

There are three clauses in the proposed ordinance to amend further the Companies Ordinance of 1911.

The main object is to enable China companies to keep branch registers in the United Kingdom or in any British possession, although they carry on no business in the place where the branch register is to be kept. This privilege was asked for by some very prominent members of the Shanghai mercantile community and the proposal has been approved by the British authorities in China and by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

ENGLISH & CHINESE

This amendment is based on section 37 of Ordinance No. 165 (Companies) of the Ordinances of the Straits Settlements. That precedent has been departed from in one respect. The section in the Straits Settlements Ordinance gives power only to keep a branch register "of members resident in" the place where the branch register is kept. This would appear to be an undesirable limitation, as it would be difficult to ensure that the shares on the branch register should always be held by persons resident in the place where the register was kept, especially as residence is sometimes a difficult question.

Statutory authority is to be given to a practice which already exists in Hong Kong and which is obviously necessary. It provides for the list of authorised auditors being divided into two parts, one for persons qualified to audit accounts kept in English and the other for persons qualified to audit accounts kept in Chinese.

It may be mentioned that an order of His Majesty in Council, made on July 5, 1929, enables companies registered in the United Kingdom to keep branch registers in China. This Order in Council was published in the "London Gazette" of July 12, 1929, and in the "Hong Kong Gazette" of August 30, 1929.

GAS WEAPONS

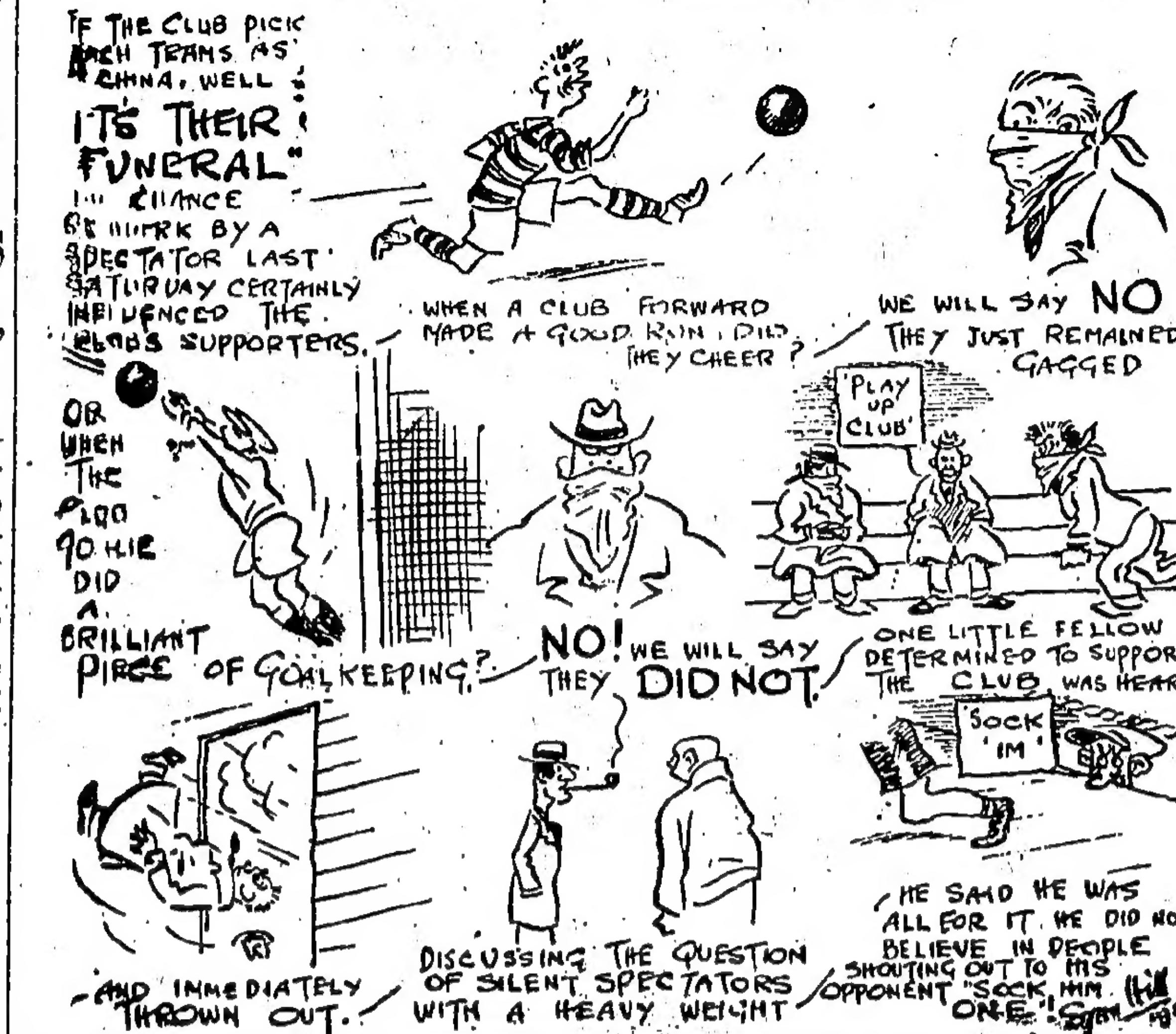
Restrictive Control of Arms & Ammunition

The definition of the term "ammunition" in the principal Ordinance (of 1900) is to be amended by the new Ordinance dealing with this subject. The main object of the amendment is to include gas ammunition, but the definition is made more comprehensive in other ways also; and, in the definition of the term "arms," to include weapons intended for discharging gas ammunition.

Section 4 of the new Ordinance amends the definition of the term "exempted person." The list of exempted persons at present is very large, and the result is that there are a great many firearms in the Colony of which the police know nothing. No doubt many of the persons exempt at present keep with the greatest care any firearms which they may possess, but others may be more careless, and their firearms may be stolen and may get into the hands of armed robbers and other individuals. The control of firearms is very strict in England now, and it seems desirable that we should follow that example here, the Attorney General observes. The new list of exempted persons will be a very restricted one, except of course that members of the naval, military, air, volunteer police and district watch services will be exempted in respect of the arms which they carry about them.

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SPECTATORS VOLUNTARILY GAGGED?



CANTON LOSING GROUND

EVACUATION OF SHIHING REPORTED

KWANGSI ADVANCE

Canton's forces are losing ground along the West River, which their opponents, the Kwangsi-ites are following down. There is no news, however, of the Iron-sides who were menacing the Cantonese in the North River area.

From Wuchow, the Kwangsi-ites' base, to Canton, is about 150 miles. On November 27 the Cantonese were still in Takhing, which is only 42 miles below Wuchow, and the Kwangsi-ites were five miles further up.

In two days, the Cantonese have fallen back another 50 miles. They are withdrawing to shorten their lines (and thereby tighten their defences) until the main reinforcements arrive from Nanking by sea.

Yesterday morning the advanced column reached Lukpo, which means that the Kwangsi-ites have progressed 76 miles altogether. The Cantonese rearguard therupon retired on Shihing, an important port 17 miles below Lukpo.

Later in the day, the Cantonese evacuated Shihing as well, when it was reported that the occupation of Shihing (only 28 miles from Samshui, which is 80 miles by rail from Canton) was expected shortly.

In spite of 5,000 Northerners (according to one report) having arrived to help Canton on November 27, and the stalemate in the Ironsides' sector, the Kwangsi-ites are advancing.

restriction in the number of persons entitled to possess firearms. The section deals inter alia with the question of firearms on board vessels. The present general provision on this subject is that the owner or master, or any vessel may have on board "such arms and ammunition as are reasonably necessary for the protection of such vessel." A proposed new section will take out of this exemption vessels which regularly include in their ports of call any place on the East Coast of Asia between Vladivostok and Singapore, or any place on any river flowing into the sea on the East Coast of Asia between Vladivostok and Singapore, or any place in Formosa, provided that the usual extreme trading limits of such vessels do not extend beyond the places specified above. Such vessels will not be allowed to carry arms while within the waters of the Colony, except under licence from the Inspector-General of Police, which is to be obtained from the Colonial Office.

Several deaths are reported from the Great Lakes region, owing to the intense cold.—Reuter's American Service.

FINANCES OF THE COLONY

SURPLUS UNDER 10 MILLION DOLLARS

POSITION ON AUGUST 31

A number of important and interesting tenders has been awarded by the Government. Details given in the "Gazette" to-day are:

Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.—\$3,500 for repairs to No. 1 fire float.

W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd.—\$1,220 for repairs to No. 3 fire float.

Young Fat & Co.—for the supply of labour and material for the Chinese cemeteries in Hong Kong and Kowloon during the year 1930.

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Lai Fuk—for maintenance, etc., of roads, etc. without the City of Victoria during the year 1930, at 38 per cent. more than the Government schedule of prices.

Lai Fuk—\$4,001.50 for widening Garden Road, lower portion adjoining Murray Barracks.

Tung Shan Co. of No. 7, Wood Road—\$385.40, for painting roof of Queen's Pier.

Chung Lee & Co.—8 per cent. more than schedule rates within Hong Kong harbour limits; and 30 per cent. more than schedule rates outside Hong Kong harbour limits; for maintenance and repairs to sea and quay walls, piers and other sea works, including the construction of minor extensions during the year 1930.

To-morrow being the feast of St. Francis Xavier, there will be a bazaar at the Wanchai branch of the Italian Convent. This bazaar is eagerly looked forward to by the local Catholic community and no doubt the patronage will be commensurate with the deserving cause. There will be a special service in the evening.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Reduced Postal Charges Recommended

General, Yesterday.
The European Conference on the transport of passengers and parcels, presided over by Lord Horner, concluded its session yesterday with a unanimous decision to recommend to the Postmaster-General a third dividend of 10 per cent. on the capital of £1,000,000.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse

An all-round man generally believes in a square deal.

Light conversation is usually of high scandal power.

Reel romance at last.—A cotton king has wed his typist.

Stories about film stars getting married should end with a comma.

Some Hong Kong people are so honest that they will not even take a hint.

To ask a woman what she means is just as bad as asking her if she has any.

Charity covers a multitude of sins, but curiosity soon uncovers them again.

Some folk wouldn't dream of exchanging a grand new silver dollar for a New Guinea.

These are the days when the chief item of news is either headed "Big Fight" or "Big Flight."

"Kwangsi troops have marched in the direction of Dosing."—It looks as though they will be caught napping.

"Pests on the Road."—With the motor cyclist who carries two million in Kowloon as the pest of good fellows.

We ask a few moments' silent sympathy to-day for:—The Kowloon man who told his wife that her hat didn't suit her.

Afghanistan has gone through so many kings, of late, it would surely pay her in future to buy her Abdullas in packets.

What's in a name?—Mr. E. J. Shrubshall has been appointed to act as Assistant Conservator of Forests, Johore.

Since the announcement of the Governor's transfer there has been quite an epidemic of rumourism in the Colony.

One youth competed with 200 girls at an efficiency typewriting test.—Yet some people say typewriting affects the nerves.

Bowling, we are told, is not so popular a sport as it used to be. It certainly was a great deal more popular in Hong Kong in October.

The human ear has become much more sensitive of late.—Quite a lot of people in this Colony have been able to hear their shares falling in Shanghai.

One good thing about the talkies at the Queen's is that it prevents the woman who invariably sits behind us reading aloud the captions to her friend.

Circular playing cards have been designed, so there may be some chance of our getting an occasionally good all round hand at one of these whilst drives.

If a man's worst enemies are those who praise him," reasoned the man with the Euclid mind, "then a man's best friend is his mother-in-law."

Residents, in "Cows' Stomach Street" (Niu Tu Tau) in Peking have decided that the name of this street should be changed to "Big Praying Court."—Has the old cow been reading about the caption to her friend?

The United Press correspondent somehow gloried in the fact that he lives in "Elephant's Nose Hole." Not an admission of his being very small fry, surely!

A distinctive uniform is suggested for waiters. It thus prevents the assembled guests addressing one in error with: "I say, old fellow, didn't you use to be at Eton?"

London traffic policemen are also to act as danger signals—red lamps being fixed to their backs. Hong Kong will be wanting more light on the subject before it is introduced here.

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LECTURE ON PROPULSION OF PASSENGER LINERS

SILENT RUNNING

That electric ships can be made practically noiseless, and free from vibration, was the claim put forward by Mr. Eakil Borg, consulting engineer to the General Electric Co., Franklin Institute, in his lecture to the Institute of Marine Engineers in London on electric propulsion as applied to passenger liners.

Mr. Borg wove his story around the performances of two electric liners, the "California" and the "Virginia," running between New York and San Francisco. They both made their maiden trips last year, and were both built by the Northern Shipbuilding Co., while their electrical equipment was designed and constructed by the General Electric Co. of Schenectady, New York. Their gross tonnage is about 20,000 tons, and the speed is 18 knots. They are carrying 800 passengers.

Electric Drive

Mr. Borg summed up the advantages of electric drive for large ship as follows: Electric transmission gives a simple and practical means of speed reduction between the high speed turbine and the slow speed propeller in almost any ratio. This means that the best turbine speed (R.P.M.) can be adopted for the design of the most efficient turbine, also that the R.P.M. of the propeller can be made such as to give the best propeller efficiency. It affords means of reversal by simple change of electrical connections without changing the direction of rotation of the turbine, and thus eliminates the space occupied by reversing turbines and their loss while the ship operates in a forward direction. Any desired reversing torque up to the full power of the turbine can be obtained without in any way affecting the efficiency of the equipment in the forward direction. Electric drive allows the turbine as a rule to be built in one casing, making an ideal condition for efficient design of the turbine, eliminating all losses due to crossover connections, and reducing the number of the turbine packings and steam seals. Reversal of the propellers is obtained with a minimum amount of steam drawn from the boilers, as the full inertia of the turbo generators is first used in the act of reversal; in fact, in most cases reversal is obtained without drawing any steam from the boilers, and steam is only used from the boilers to accelerate speed in the reverse rotation. This fact releases all strains on the condenser tubes, and prevents leakage; in fact, condenser troubles are practically eliminated in electric ships. Electric drive makes it possible to obtain accurate data, either by instantaneous readings or by recording instruments, of the load on the propeller shaft under all conditions of sea and wind. It eliminates the use of torsion meters. The total horsepower hours can be recorded during any given time of journey. It makes it possible to have a real check between fuel consumption and horsepower hours developed.

With electric ships it is possible to obtain very fine economy at three-quarter speed, as during that time only one-half of the generating unit, with its auxiliaries, will be used. Under this condition the fuel consumption per shaft horsepower will be practically the same as at full power. This is a very important consideration for the speedy high-power liners now being contemplated, as these ships can be run during the off season at a slower speed and still maintain their maximum efficiency. Electric drive allows the power generating unit or units to be put in any convenient place near the boilers, thus greatly simplifying the steam piping. They can also be put on a convenient height and the condensers can be mounted directly under the turbine. In the case of the "Virginia" they are running directly on the turbine shaft, thus eliminating expansion joints and making for an ideal condition towards an air-tight system. It has been found that the make-up water on the electric ships is less than one-quarter of that on any other type of similar steamer. The propelling motors can also, in most instances, be put near the propellers, eliminating long expensive shafting, with its many bearing losses and super heat. With electric drive the adoption of the above method is ideal. As the turbine is never reversed it cannot have extreme temperature changes. The complete absence of all vibrations and noise on the str. "Virginia" is striking, and always most talked about among the passengers.

TO STOP PLAGUE

Health Experts To Survey China Ports

Nanking, Nov. 15.

It is learned that the Ministry of Public Health is sending Messrs. Tsai Hung, Departmental Director of the Ministry, Huang Tse-fong, Counsellor, and Dr. Wu Lien-teh, Director of the Manchurian Plague-Prevention Bureau, as special delegates to a tour of various important coastal ports, such as Shanghai, Tientsin, Tsinan, Canton and Amoy, to investigate into the procedure of health examinations for plague-prevention as at present conducted by the Customs authorities with a view to instituting improvements.

The special deputations will be accompanied by Dr. Li Pachman of the League of Nations who is Honorary Adviser to the Ministry, and other foreign public health experts—Kno-

TIMBER SHIPS

Deck Load Losses Never Reported

A feature of the White Sea Timber Trade of the present season has been the number of vessels which have lost their deck loads which have been reported. The trade is, of course, in which underwriters obtain substantial additional premiums, but nevertheless, when it is realised that there have been perhaps half-a-dozen collisions, and that on one day alone six vessels were reported bound out of White Sea ports with casualties, which include loss of deckload, serious structural damage, and stranding, it will be realised that these are justified. Apparently there has been some semi-political manoeuvring over this trade recently, for according to "Lloyd's List," Russian consignors and their agents have been spreading reports to the effect that this year's chartering business on the White Sea route is as good as ever, it being alleged that the stocks of timber are almost at an end.

It is suggested, however, that these reports have been circulated in order to frighten shipowners "whose experiences this year on the route have been anything but encouraging" into renouncing the higher freight rates on which they have been insisting of late. It is said that Norwegian experts report that little more than half the timber that is imported for export has been shipped from Archangel in mid-October, and that 200 or 300 more vessels will be required to transport the timber still remaining. It would seem then that there is likely to be a rush of business in this trade. If the timber is to be transported before the season closes, and this is a factor which underwriters might well take into consideration when quoting for the insurance of timber shipments from the White Sea.

Apparently "Arcos" has chartered a number of Greek vessels for the trade, and underwriters will recall that several Greek ships have been reported as casualties on routes out of the White Sea. It is suggested that many of these vessels have proved to be ill-adapted for the trade, and this is also a matter which underwriters should take into consideration, although they better than anyone, know the type of ship which is best suited to this trade. It is not suggested that underwriters should use the opportunity of charging excessive rates on timber shipments from the White Sea, but it may be pointed out that they have already incurred a number of casualties, many of which are likely to result in heavy claims, and that it is only by obtaining substantial premiums on the cargoes, and additional premiums on the hulls of vessels engaged in this trade, that they can hope to recoup themselves for their losses.

WARSHIPS IN PORT

British warships in port this morning were:

In basin of R.N. Dockyard: "Tamar," "Cornflower," "Sepoy," "Thracian," "Somme," "Stormcloud." At north arm: "Iroquois." West wall: "Kent" (flagship). In Dock: "Marazan," "Seamew," "Magnolia." No. 4 Buoy: "Herald." No. 5 Buoy: "Hermes." No. 6 Buoy: "Sirdar." No. 8 Buoy: "Bruce." No. 13 Buoy: "Sterling." Whampoa Dock: "Cornwall." The only foreign man o' war in port was the French sloop "Regulus."

SHIPPING REGULATION

Table U is the Schedule of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, as amended by the addition of the following regulation:

No vessel licensed under these regulations shall be used for the purpose of prostitution or for the conveyance of women within the limits of the harbour for purposes of prostitution.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMER

The G.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of India" arrived at Shanghai on November 29 (Fri.) at 10.30 a.m., left Shanghai on November 30 (Sat.) at 8 a.m. and is due at Nagasaki on December 1 (Sun.) at 2 p.m. She leaves Nagasaki on December 2 (Mon.) at 5 a.m.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES

Consignees of cargo ex ss. "City of Chester" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December 1. Consignees of cargo ex ss. "Himalaya" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December 1.

The death has occurred of Mr. John J. Anderson, who was proprietor of the Indian Goods Slipway, Felling-on-Tyne, before the business was amalgamated with Messrs. T. Mitchell, Ltd., engineers and ship-repairers. Mr. Anderson was recognised throughout the North East Coast as an expert on wooden vessels, and carried out a number of important contracts.

Councillor R. B. Daigleish of Newcastle, a well-known shipowner, has returned home after a lengthy tour in Canada. He is not very optimistic in regard to increased trade between Britain and Canada, in the immediate future owing to the position of the grain trade there.

ARCHAIC U.S. SHIP LAWS

REVISONS FOR FURTHERANCE OF SEA SAFETY URGED

SINKING OF "VESTRIS"

The prevention of a second "Vestriss" disaster is the basis upon which Senator Robert F. Wagner, of New York, is urging Congressional revision of the United States laws governing construction, inspection, insurance, salvage, liability and other matters having relationship with safety at sea. Senator Wagner, who has made a study of the maritime laws during the regular sessions of Congress in December, will again emphasise the need of a code of law or risk at sea. His plan is to have a Congressional Committee to study the operation of all Federal laws relating to steamships and to develop them in such a way that they will promote safety. "The present limited liability law of the United States code does not encourage steamship companies to spend more money for safety than is required to pass steamship inspection," said the Senator in a United Press interview.

"Under American law, the liability of the "Vestriss" owners was only \$40,000, but under the English law it would have been \$900,000. This anticipated limited liability law was passed by Congress in 1851, when U.S. shipping was negligible in quantity, and must be raised to more nearly equal the British law," Senator Wagner is no longer interested in the "Vestriss" disaster, except as a case furnishing evidence of the urgent need for a revision of the admiralty laws. Although his proposal is an outgrowth of the sinking of the "Vestriss," his intention is for a more comprehensive survey than was contemplated in the Congressional investigation which he fought in February, but failed to get "to do know that the "Vestriss" was unsatisfactory," the Senator told the United Press, "and the seamen were unable to properly lower lifeboats. We must eliminate the possibility of a recurrence of that catastrophe by inaugurating a far more rigid inspection service." Senator Wagner believes that a great contribution toward safety can be made through the revision of the laws governing the inspection of ships before they are allowed to put to sea. He believes that the entire Steamboat Inspection Service, which is directly responsible for ships leaving port, needs a complete overhaul. "Insurance laws and salvage laws are badly in need of revision," said the Senator. "Construction and loading of vessels must be watched carefully if safety at sea is desired." In a speech before the Senate in February, 100 days after the disaster, Senator Wagner deplored the "inanity wherein innocent women and children were sacrificed to greed and incompetence." In another excerpt he said: "We have no right to believe that what happened on the "Vestriss" is not the result of cause permeating the whole shipping business. Congress has no right to rely on the guess that the "Vestriss" is the exception. Senator Wagner questions whether the United States has done all it can in order to make safety at sea." Passengers must know more about the stability of a ship, must expect life-boats to be in order if needed, and must have the knowledge that the officers are competent, said the Senator, "and rigid inspection of vessels before leaving port. The British investigation of the "Vestriss" sinking went as far as possible to the bottom of the affair, while it was demonstrated that American inquiries were more perfunctory than real."

The amount of idle French tonnage which, after a temporary increase in the summer of 1928, has since been steadily decreasing, is now 50,800 tons, compared with 130,100 tons on October 15, 1928, 82,900 tons in 1927, and 111,600 tons in 1926.

During the first 8 months of this year, the gold mines of Ontario produced gold to the value of \$22,024,365, being an increase of \$775,543 over the output for the corresponding period of last year.

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ST. ALBANS	4,500	10th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
JEYPORE	6,018	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KIVA	9,135	21st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
MIRZAPUR	6,715	21st Dec.	Moji & Kobe.
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THE TALKING FILM IN JAPAN

A PROBLEM RAISED UNIQUE AMONG EUROPEANS

POTTED DRAMA PREFERRED

The invention of the talking film creates in Japan a problem unique among civilized nations. Japan had her own variety of talking film long before it was thought of in the West, but it was a living, not a mechanical tongue that the Japanese movies spoke, and still speak, for the Japanese prefer the living to the potted drama if they can get it. The problem now is whether the mechanical talkies will supplant the living voice on the Japanese cinema stage, writes the Yokohama correspondent of the "Times".

Translator Required

From the first appearance of films in Japan a lecture or running commentary, delivered by an expert comedian, accompanied the exhibition. A foreign production with titles and subtitles in the language of the country of origin, the film required a translator who spoke in the vernacular, and he became an essential part of the entertainment. Indeed, he soon developed into something more; he became the god of the machine, letting the public into the secrets of the plot and action of the story. His interpretation of the drama, and his usually witty comments on it, were a sort of farcical accompaniment to the tone of which the play went on to its inevitable end; and, to the intellectual, this part of the show was more interesting than the piece itself. The Katsuben, as he was called, became at least 40 per cent. of the piece to the average patron of the cinema hall.

The Living Voice

The question now exciting the Japanese public is whether the mechanical talking film will displace the living voice on the stage of the cinema. The 10,000 professional Katauban of the country have been a powerful influence on public opinion; for these the voice of the average movie actor or actress will seem a tame substitute. A gifted Katauben will most successfully fill the blank streaks created on a popular film by the paint of the police censor, and a broadcast of the talk given by a good Katauben has become the most popular of radio items in Japan.

An Old Custom

The custom of having speech and action in drama taken by different persons is quite old in Japan. It was so difficult to find good actors with equally good voices that an elocutionist stood at the side of the stage reciting the words to which the actor fitted his gestures. The Katauben had only to reverse the process, fitting his language to what he saw on the screen.

International Films

The above quotation, taken from the "International Review of Educational Cinematograph," is a fairly just estimate of the new power which can be wielded by means of the screen.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mr. J. W. Franks has resumed duty as Superintendent of Prisons, on returning from Home leave.

The name of the Connaught Investment Co., Ltd., has been struck off the register of companies.

The name of Mr. D. S. Robb, C.A., has been added to the list of auditors under the Companies Ordinances.

The Wah Yan College is holding its tenth anniversary dinner in the Hall of the College on Monday, December 16, at 7.30 p.m.

Capt. and Mrs. Terrible announce the engagement of their only daughter Margaret to Paymaster-Lieut.-Commander A. R. Thacher, R.N.

Details regarding parcel post rates, etc., from Hong Kong to Korea or Chosen via Japan are published in the "Government Gazette."

Under instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, H.E. the Governor has recognized Mr. J. T. Bagram as Honorary Consul-General for Siam, in Hong Kong.

The King's exequatur empowering Senor Don Antonio Alexandre Rosello Botelho to act as Honorary Consul for Salvador, in Hong Kong, has received His Majesty's signature.

Ho Man Tin Street is the new name bestowed on the street commencing at Waterloo Road east of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2178, and running in a south-easterly direction parallel to the Kowloon-Canton Railway, terminating at the south end of K.L.L. 1736.

Mr. Shaw, of Tregunter Mansions, has reported to the Police that some time between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. yesterday somebody stole a quantity of silver ware from the house, the total value being given as \$145. It was stated that the door of the house was open at the time.

Ten years ago a snobbish European lady, and who called herself a "white woman" championed the cause of her two chair-cooies, who were Chinese, and in the same breath told the Police authorities that she did not want to be accosted by a Chinese constable. She considered it beyond her dignity. A correspondent signing himself John Keastrel then pointed out through the medium of the "China Mail" that the same lady would consider herself flattered if spoken to by Sir Robert Ho Tung, who is also a Chinese. Even Inspector Garrod of the Police took the incident very seriously to heart. He made a protest before the Magistrate, Mr. N. L. Smith.

Lt. W. A. F. Mockler, R.A.O.C., who has been Ordnance Equipment Officer in Hong Kong since April, has exchanged stations with Lt. G. W. M. Smith, R.A.O.C., who has carried out the same duties in Shanghai. Mr. Mockler will be returning to a station with which he is familiar, having served there prior to obtaining his Commission early this year.

MEN, WOMEN, AND AFFAIRS

Rare Chinese Books: A National Theatre: Theatrical Golfers: The Italian Giant: The Prince's Secretary

Chinese Treasures

THE rare collection of Chinese illustrated books and scroll pictures, all by named artists, which were bought by Sir George Scott in Peking during the Boxer troubles of 1899 and 1900, when the nobles were left destitute and were obliged to sell all the treasures they possessed, was sold at Sotheby's on October 24. One of the drawings depicts the legend of "Shih Mao," who was born a calf-man from a cow, and since his death they have remained Spring of Chen Kuan III." (629 A.D.).

The collection, with many curious and interesting treasures in porcelain, bronze, lacquer, and gold, Sir George sent home to his mother at Cambridge and since her death they have remained in two fine carved wood Chinese cabinets with his brother, St. John's College, Cambridge. During the long vacation they were all brought over to London, and the miscellaneous objects, many of them of great beauty and all of rare interest, are being sold by Lady Scott, Mrs. May, and C. Blackett, in Soho.

It would be better to keep in touch for all connoisseurs.

Their place cannot be white and yellow.

If they knew how to keep to their places Chinese as far as we know, they do not purposefully go out of their way to associate with whites, and if they do so, it is done in a business way than social. Whites should

THE INVASION OF MANCHURIA

EXODUS OF CHINESE MILLIONS

A RAMSHACKLE little steam vessel with rusty hull and scarred upper works, crawls alongside the pier at Dairen. Her decks are packed with Chinese of the poorest class: old men, women, boys and babies, all ragged and incredibly dirty, with a look of bewilderment on their stupid faces.

They are sifted ashore by port doctors like so many animals and herded in a shed. Presently they emerge, some to open railway trucks into which they crowd with their unsavoury bundles, and insanitary quilts. Others, who have not even the pitance required to pay for such mean transport, shoulder their belongings; the women carry cooking-pots and babies, the men are laden with more than doubtful luggage caged in bits of cloth, and they start off, a dilapidated and pitiful procession, along the railway line, towards infinity.

It is the beginning of their trek on foot to the promised land, which is Northern Manchuria. They are participating in the greatest migration in the world. Exhausted by civil war, bandits and the rapacity of fluctuating War Lords, these pilgrims have left their poor farms in the provinces of Shantung and Chili and are seeking a new life in the wilderness that lies close to Siberia.

Nothing like this wholesale exodus of a people has been witnessed in modern times. They are pouring out of the oppressed provinces of North-Western China at the rate of a million a year. Many simply abandon their small holdings and leave their old homes derelict, without even attempting to sell them. It has become a custom for these voluntary exiles

to escape from China that they cross to Manchuria in every conceivable way—by junk, open sailing boat, railway, from Shanghaiwan, and steamer direct to Dairen. Even in winter, when the soil is frozen and cultivation impossible, they press northward, preferring death there to death at home. Chinese guilds and other charitable organisations help many on their way.

The goal is fertile agricultural land adjoining the newly opened railways in North, East, and West Manchuria. The immigrants are given seed and a very small sum to keep them alive until the first harvest. The usual arrangement with the landowner is on a crop-sharing basis.

Even well-to-do and educated Chinese have joined in the exodus from Shantung and Chili provinces, rather than endure further uncertainty and often dangerous existence of vassals under a local War Lord.—P.P.

TEN YEARS AGO

[From the "China Mail," November 30, 1919.]

To-day's dollar was worth 5/- 1/4d.

There was a good gathering at the race course to attend the Gymkhana. The racing was particularly good. The time registered by some of the winners was surprising. The event of the day—St. Andrew's Cup—brought some surprise when George Mac, an outsider, came in first, with Mr. Doyle up. He paid his backers \$40.10.

Mr. Johnstone, on John Peel's "Un-named" was a hot favourite for this race and did his best, but he simply could not beat George Mac.

Night Club Boxing

VERBIX varied have been the exhibits adopted at different times by London's night clubs for the entertainment of their patrons. But the latest attraction—Primo Carnera—must certainly be counted.

The gigantic Italian boxer appeared at supper-time at one of the most popular clubs on a recent evening, and then sparred several exhibition rounds.

Historically considered, of course, this is only a reversion to the practice of the old prize ring of Regency days, when both were frequently held in lots and boxes adjoining those inns much frequented by Corky-blanks and the "Parsons."

The club in question occupies rooms a few yards off St. Martin's Lane, once the workshops of Chippendales.

Carmen, by the way, created something of a sensation on arriving at the Motor Show in Baby Austin.

Information is not available as to whether the car was Carmen's own property. If it was, one feels that the salesman must have adopted the now familiar assurance—"You don't have to get into it, sir. You wear

Mr. Hugh Lloyd Thomas's Loss

MR. HUGH LLOYD THOMAS, the quiet, good-looking, youngish man who, the other day, was appointed Private Secretary to the Prince of Wales, has died suddenly in the death of his father, Mr. W. B. Lloyd Thomas.

Mr. Hugh Thomas, who was well known as a sportsman of his life, had recently returned from a tour of golfing and hunting in the United States.

In his youth Mr. Hugh Thomas was a first-rate cricketer.

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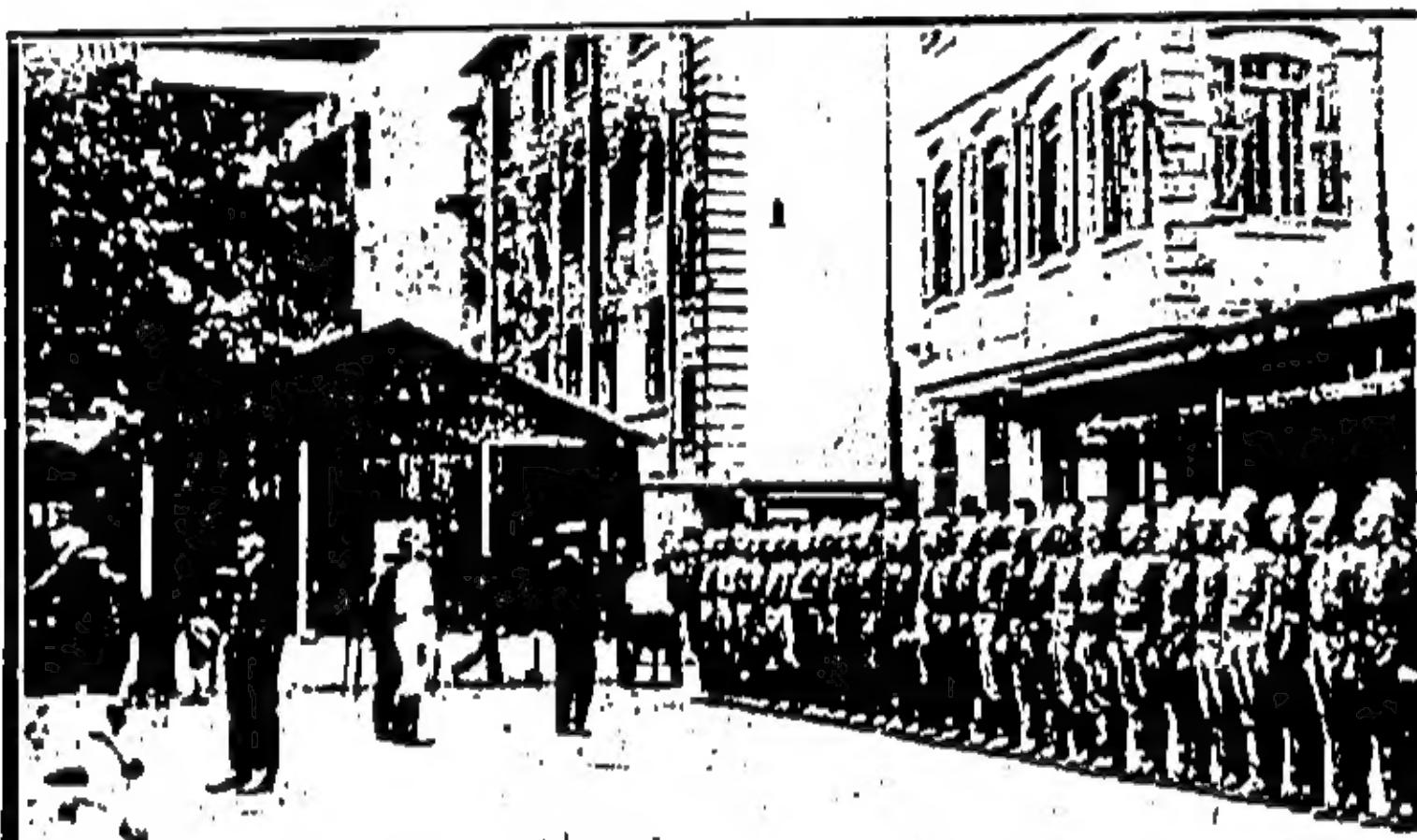
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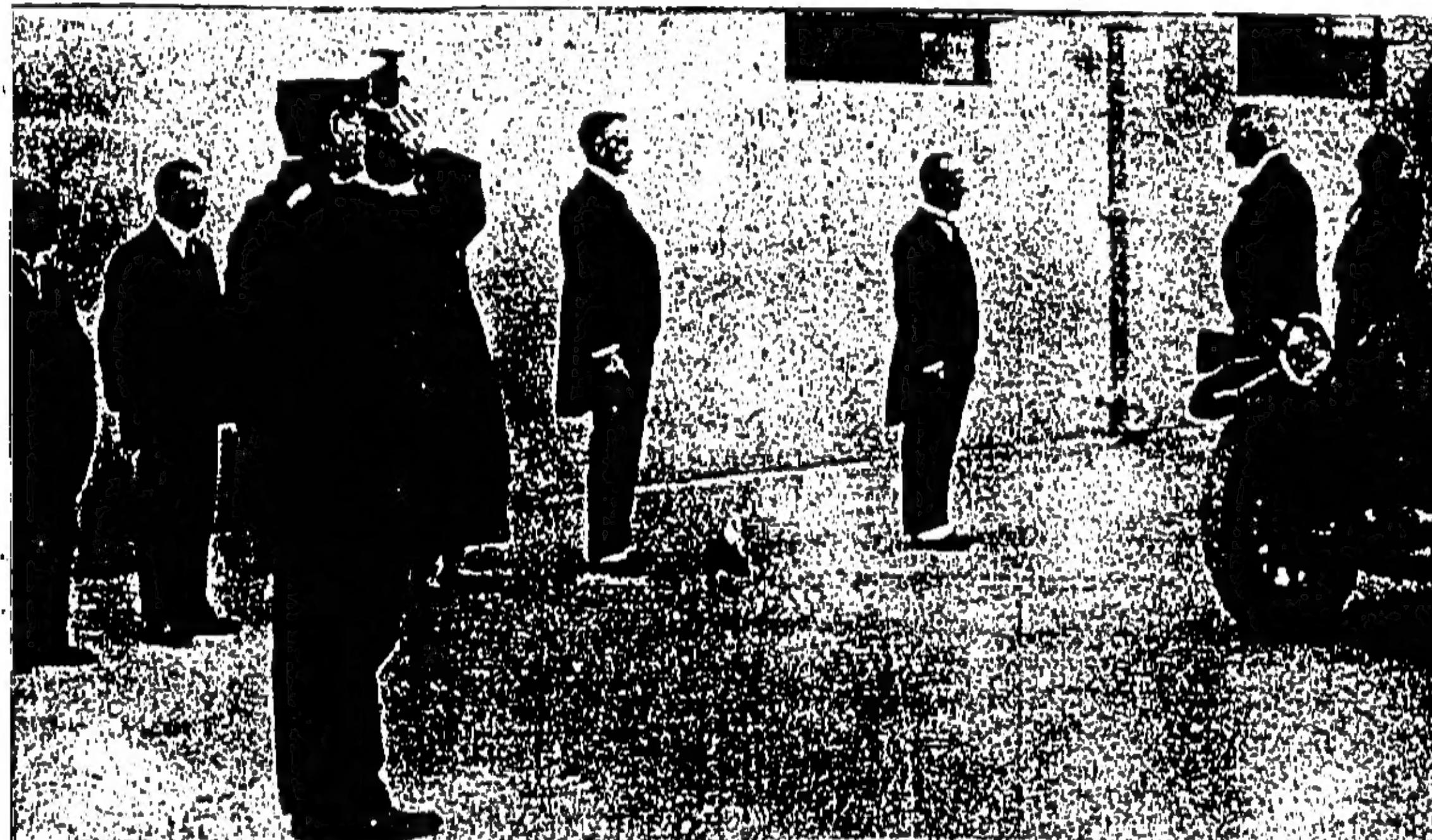
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DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF RESIDENTS AT HOSPITAL OPENING.—H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and Lady Clementi were present at Sookumpoo on November 27 at the formal opening of the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital, which will be very useful for natives in the east of Hong Kong. Several lakhs of dollars have been subscribed but more money is required. The Tung Wah Hospital has for years been the foremost Chinese institution of philanthropy in the Colony.—(A. Fong).



FIRE BRIGADE'S ANNUAL DISPLAY.—Chinese firemen of the Colony on parade in the compound of Police Headquarters on November 27 when, under their officers, they gave an excellent turn-out.—(Alfred Lock & Co.)



TUNG WAH EASTERN HOSPITAL.—Lady Clementi and H.E. the Governor are seen leaving their car (at extreme right) and being met by Mr. M. K. Lo (chairman of directors, Tung Wah Hospital) at the opening function. Behind (i.e., left of) Mr. Lo is the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Secretary for Chinese Affairs). On extreme left are the Hon. Dr. S. W. Ts'o, O.B.E., LL.D., and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., two of the Chinese members of the Legislative Council.—(Alfred Lock & Co.)



WATCHING THE INTERPORT TENNIS.—The stand at the Hong Kong Cricket Club was packed when the Hong Kong and Shanghai Interport lawn tennis teams met. Some of the spectators are seen above.—(Alfred Lock & Co.)



INTERPORT TENNIS.—Gordon Lum of Shanghai (left), who defeated M. W. Lo (right), the local champion, in the leading match of the men's singles in the interport tennis competition.—(Alfred Lock & Co.)



MARYKNOLL CONVENT SCHOOL, KOWLOON.—One of the Catholic Sisters is seen with the children of classes 10A and 10B.



MUSICIANS WHO EXCELLED THEMSELVES.—Those who took part in the City Hall concert by Mr. Harry Ore and his pupils on November 28. The teacher is in centre of back row. Among the names in the programme were those of Miss Daisy Ho, Mr. Peter Cheung, Miss Elvira Rosario, Miss Barbara Wong, Mr. C. Y. Pasang, Mr. E. Valeroso, Miss Lily Lee, Mr. Antonio Tubino, Miss Kit Ngan Tsui, Mr. A. Aquino, Miss Marie Alvar.—(Alfred Lock & Co.)



POLICE AND FIREMEN'S DRILL.—At the Fire Brigade's annual display, the Hon. Mr. Ed. D. G. Wolf, C.M.G. (Inspector General of Police and Chief Inspector of Fire Brigade), who is seen in both pictures distributed throughout this issue, and Mrs. G. J. G. Wolf, wife of the Inspector General, were present.



FANLING STEEPLECHASES.—Here are two snapshots taken at Kwant on November 24, at the first meeting of the Fanling Hunt season. On left, Mr. Ulrich is seen leading in Ace of Spades, the famous jumper, with Mr. R. H. Charles up, after winning the November Cup. On right, a portion of the record crowd and the Borderers' Band.—(K. Fujiyama)

The WOMAN'S Page



Mary Saves Her Hands



Mary Brian, a screen favourite, displays the new fingerless gloves which are now considered the correct thing for golf. They keep the hands from being chapped or sunburned and yet permit perfect freedom.

ON CLOTHES

Views of Cinema Stars

Although the feminine stars of Hollywood form a group of the best dressed women in the world, each one possesses a highly individual theory of costuming that is at wide variance from the next sister of fame.

For instance, the lovely Esther Ralston believes that clothes are merely a background for one's face, hair and figure. Therefore, her frocks are extremely subtle and left in results. Miss Ralston prefers soft, feminine drapes in solid colours, such as all grey, black, dull blue or pastel colourings.

The high Louis XV. heel which was the vogue a few years ago has been declared by competent shoemakers as absolutely "dead" for next season. Louis XV. heels will only be worn by "princesses," but women of taste will adopt the new heel which bears the name of "American Leather Cuban Heel."

It is a heel which resembles the old wooden Cuban heel, but is made in leather and has a little curve reminiscent of the Louis XV. heel. In other words it is a combination of the Louis XV. heel and the old Cuban heel. It is declared to be smart, light and practical, and orders for great quantities have already been sent to manufacturers of these heels.

No More Pointed Shoes

There will be no more pointed shoes, the tendency being to the gradual return of the moderate round-shaped point, which will make the foot look a little smaller than hitherto.

All kinds of skins will be used as usual next winter, including crocodile and lizard. Lizard skins will be as popular as ever, but instead of making shoes entirely of these skins, they will be used as decoration on toes and heels, and

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Symphony in Brown



Symbolical of varicoloured leaves is this figured chiffon afternoon dress. Numerous panels on the skirt break the hemline and add a distinctive feminine touch. A long scarf falling over the shoulder adds to the ensemble.

"Chic" Hats This Season



It takes clear cut features such as Gwen Lee's to wear the never brimless style of hat pictured at the right. Miss Lee, the noted film actress, wears this blinds soleil model, keeping her hair entirely within the brim line. At the left is Raquel Torres, another film favourite, in a close fitting black felt with flaring side trims.

Society Girl Becomes Model



Miss Jacqueline Swift, an American society girl and daughter of a multi-millionaire, is shown above working as a model in a Washington shop, because she is tired of the idle life she led in her Southern home.

LITTLE DRESSMAKER

A Cuddly Dolly For Baby Sister

A reader wants to make a soft, cuddly dolly for her baby sister; and one of the very nicest of these dolls is fashioned from wool—white, or any pale colour will look pretty.

Begin by cutting a piece of cardboard about eight inches long and three inches wide. Wind the wool loosely over and over the card lengthways until you've got quite a thick skein. Tie the skein at the top, not tightly, but just enough to keep it tidy, and slip it off the card.

Now tie tightly "round" the skein, about two inches from one end, to mark the head; then tie round the skein three inches below the first.

To mark the place where the legs are to begin, divide the rest of the skein into two for the legs, and tie round half an inch from the end to represent "ankles."

Now wind some more wool round the eight by three inch card, making about twenty-four turns, for the arms. Take the skein off the card as before, tie round each end, one an inch up, to represent wrists, and slip the skein through the body skein, just below the tie round the head, securing it here with a stitch or two of the same wool.

And now we're ready to make the face! Two little pink dots in the middle for her nose, a few wee straight stitches in pink wool underneath for her mouth, and blue stitches for eyes—and there you are!

You will find it best to tie round the head about a quarter of an inch below the top, to keep the strands in position; then, if you cut through these top folds of wool and stuff them out, you'll give the doll a curly top knot.

Ribbons tied round the "waist," "wrists," and "ankles" will add pretty touches, and a longer ribbon loop round the neck will enable the dolls to be fastened to Baby's pram or cot.

To the profane eye it looks like a curiously beaded shoe, in which the beads are the natural bony grains of the skin. This shoe cannot be obtained for less than \$6 10s., but buyers will have a guarantee that it will never crack, however hard the wear to which it may be submitted.

The "clou" of the exhibition, however, will be the shoe which will be the most expensive and the absolutely "everlasting" model ever made. It is made of Galuchat shark skin, one of the sharks living in Australian waters. The female is used for this special shoe, which is made of her breast, being the softest part of her body.

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The cost of a pair of shoes made from goat skin, dyed and stamped in imitation of a reptile, should be infinitely cheaper than the real article. The manager of one stall declared that a 12-inch Java lizard skin costs the shoe manufacturer as much per inch, measuring across the body, as the imitation skin costs per square foot. Calf skin, used in imitation of pig skin, is half the price of the latter.

A further convenience of the goat or calf skin is the larger area available for cutting out. Five Indian lizard skins have to be utilised in the manufacture of one pair of shoes, while two or even three pairs of shoes can be cut from a goat skin dyed and stamped to imitate the Indian lizard.

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Esther Ralston contends that ankles and limbs appear smaller and daintier when clad in the darker shades of hose. She says that most women should ignore nudes and bright shades in stockings and shoes and stick to neutral colourings, such as black, brown, beige and gray.

Mary Brian believes that extravagance when applied to hose is not miscarried.

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The pearl or iridescent finish to real and imitation lizard skins, which is often seen on shoes worn by Frenchwomen, is slowly coming into favour. The pearl essence which is used in the final process gives the shoes a very bright sheen.

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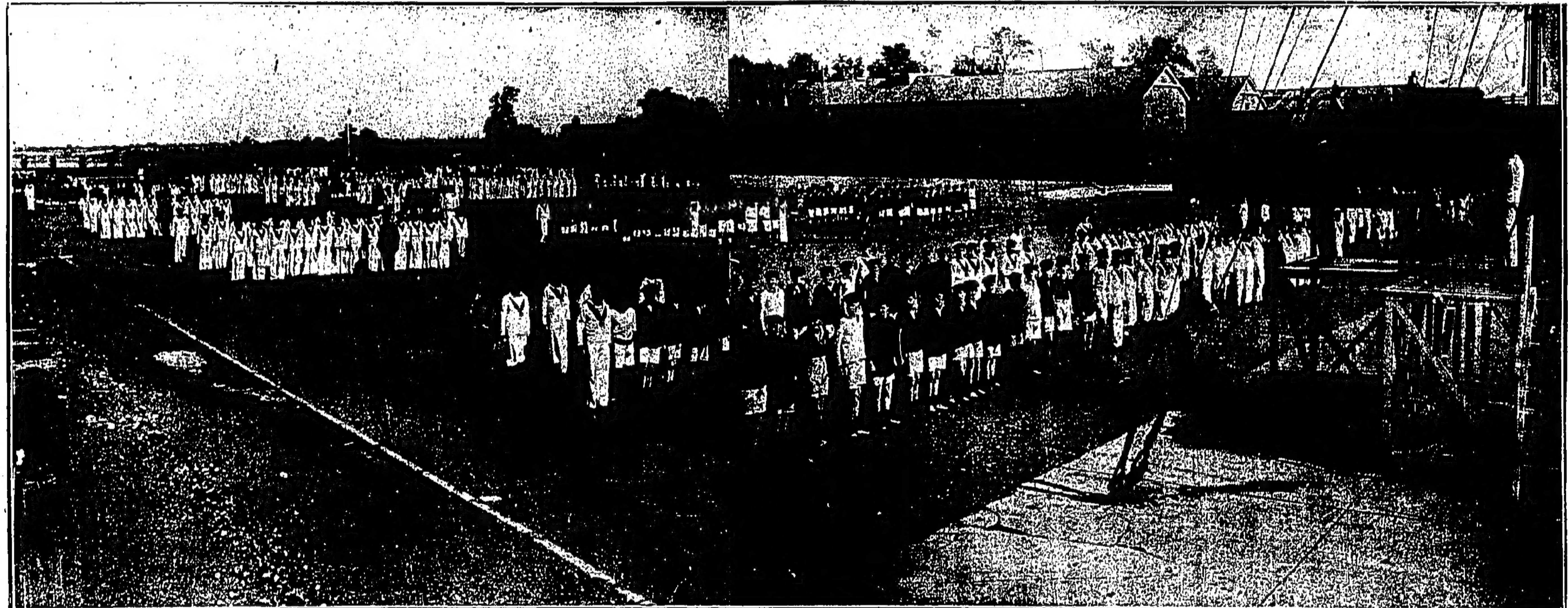
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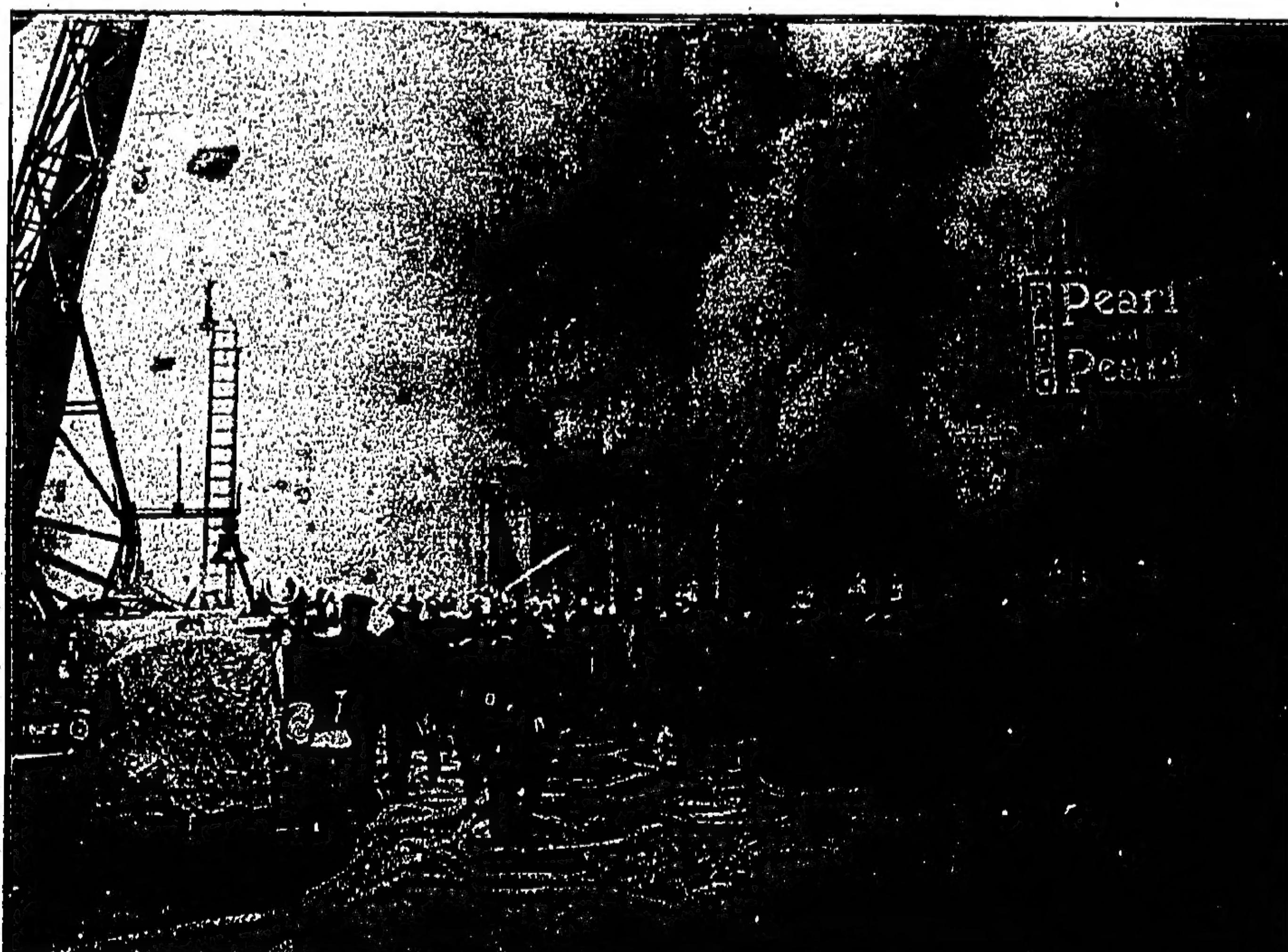
THE PRINCE MARKS BRITISH BEEF.—His Royal Highness visited the beef grading depot at Islington, London, to inspect the Ministry of Agriculture's arrangements under the experimental rational mark scheme now in force. All home-killed beef is graded and marked "select," "prime" or "good." The Prince is seen supplying the mark to a carcass.



REVIVAL OF HUNTING AT CAMBRIDGE.—Scene at the Cambridge Harriers meet on Market Hill, Cambridge, last month. This fixture, which has not been held for many years, used to be a feature of university life. The beautiful picture reproduced shows the meet in the market place and, in the background, Great St. Mary's Church and the famous King's College.



THE BRITISH "TAR" IN THE MAKING.—Scenes at the Royal Naval training establishment for boys at H.M.S. "Ganges," Shotley Barracks, Harwich, where the Cadets receive a very thorough training. The boys are shown in the fine photo above, on parade, before the sports. Observe the "eyes right, dress" of the various units. Some of the lads are in "pukka" uniform but others in shorts and jerseys look just as businesslike.



BIG CITY FIRE.—Three hundred London firemen, equipped with gas-masks, powerful searchlights and other appliances, fought desperately to prevent a fire which raged in four basements in Finsbury, from spreading. The blaze raged fiercely for hours, several firemen being overcome by the fumes from the burning warehouses. Above is a general view showing the dense clouds of smoke issuing from the burning buildings.



FINDING NEW WORK FOR THE UNEMPLOYED MINERS.—Miners from the distressed areas are now making a recreation ground at Camphill, Surrey. Two hundred and fifty of them are being trained in various occupations by the Ministry of Labour in conjunction with the National Playing Fields Association. They are paid 28 shillings a week with board and lodging given and, when proficient, occupation will be found for them. The miners are seen here at work on the recreation ground.

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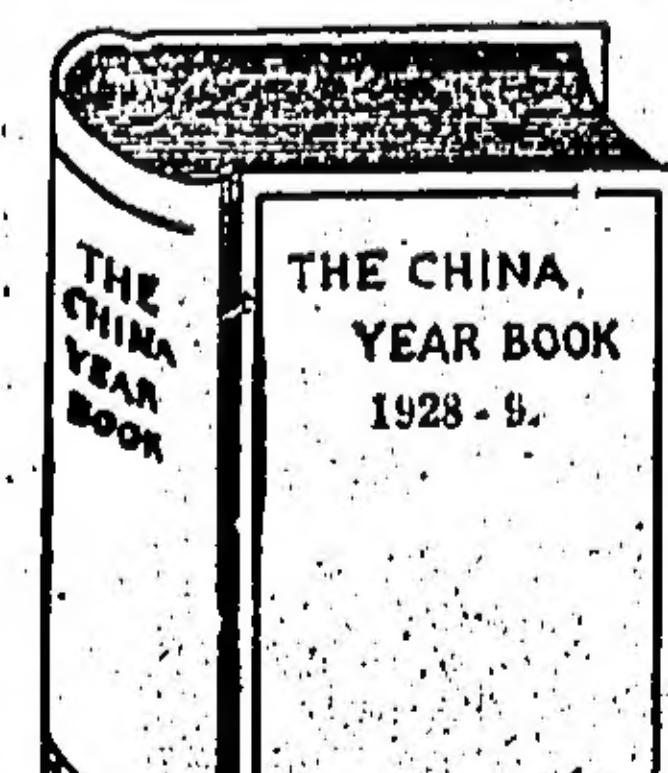
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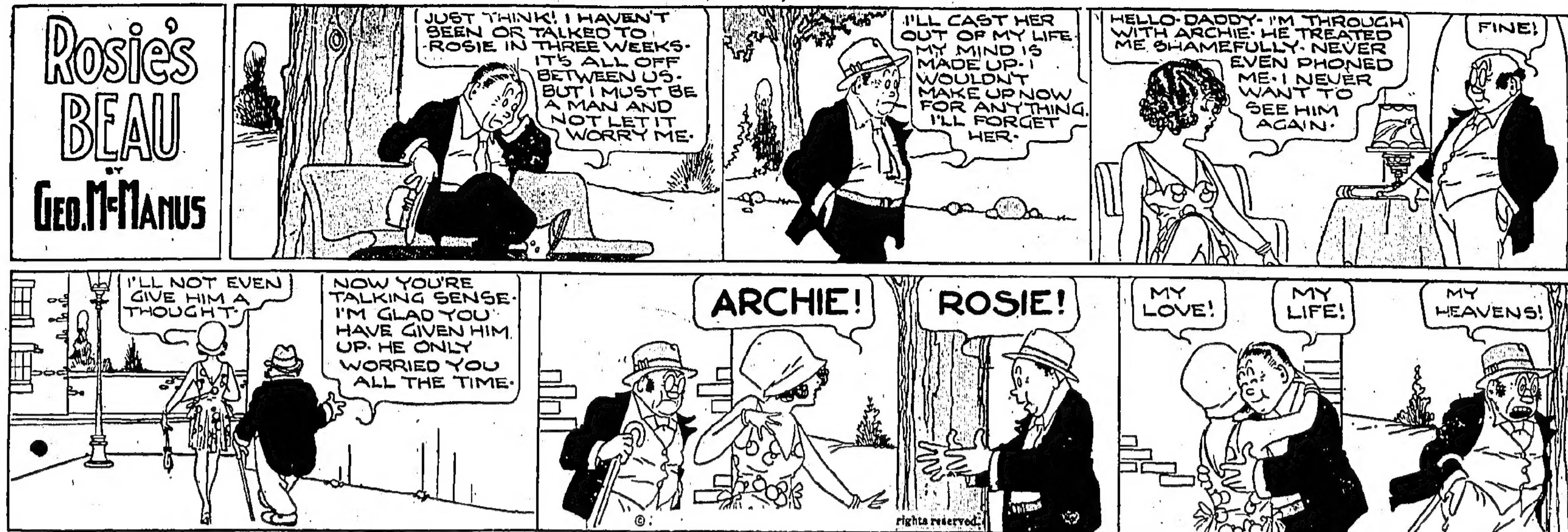
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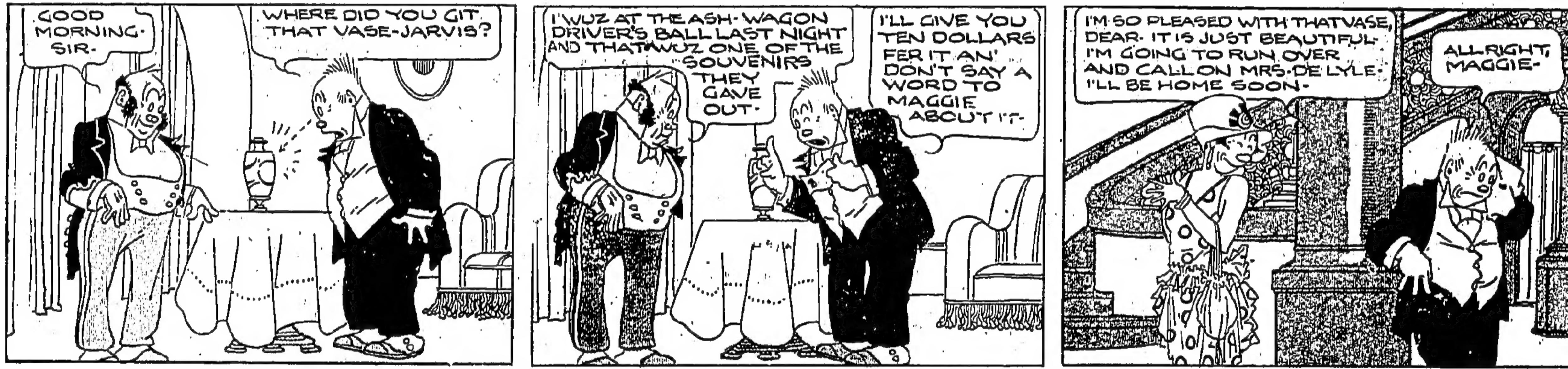
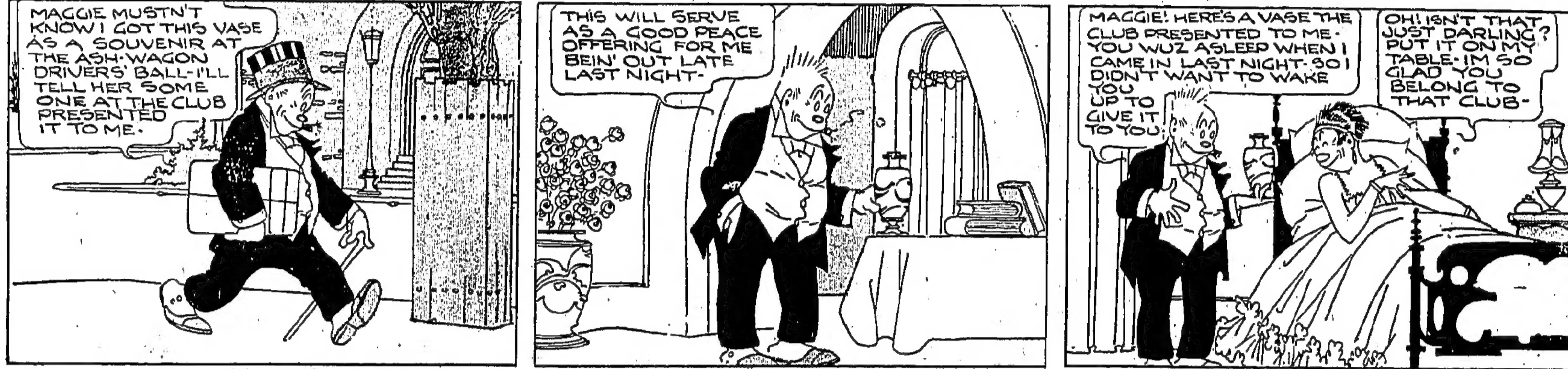
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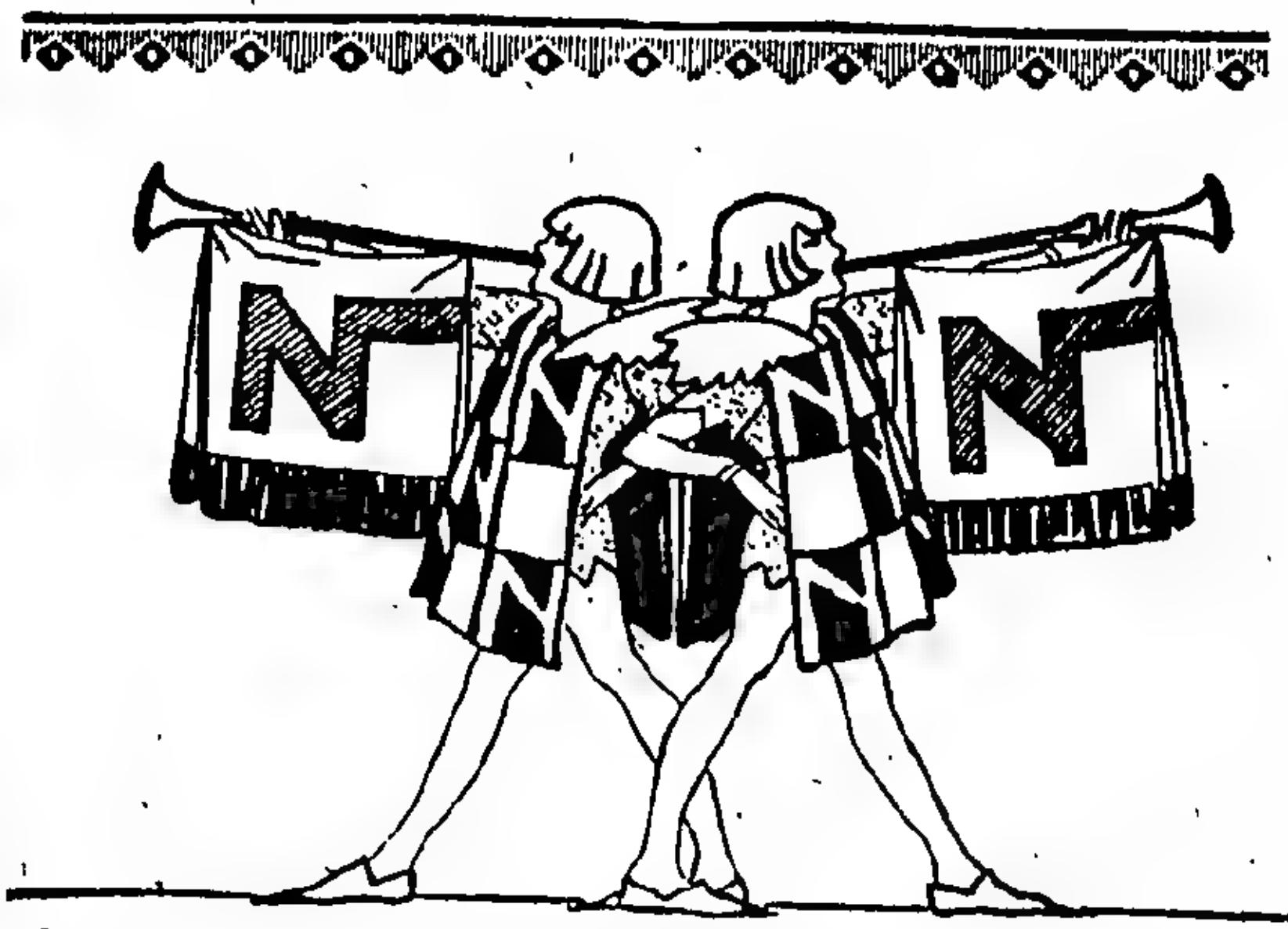


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TARTAN PRIDE

A feast of colour, with kilts and tartans, ladies in the latest creations, and uniforms of the Fighting Services, was the keynote of the convivial Ball in the Peninsula Hotel last night, held by the Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society to usher in to-day's anniversary of the patron saint of all Scotsmen.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi were the guests of honour among a distinguished gathering. They were received by the Captain (Mr. A. H. Ferguson) and the Vice-President (Mr. K. E. Greig) on arrival and played by the Pipers of the 2nd Battalion the King's Own Scottish Borderers to the official dais at the head of the main dance hall (the Hotel's roof garden, as described in yesterday's issue, in which many details of the Ball were given).

LANE OF BAGPIPES

In the roof garden, the pipers formed a lane through which the party passed and the National Anthem was played prior to those on the platform taking their seats. The ball was unanimously voted to be the most successful ever held by the Society; and the change of venue from the City Hall was generally approved.

Dancing began with an extra waltz, which was followed by the state lancers. Those taking part in the Chieftain's set and Vice-Chieftain's set were mentioned yesterday, together with the ball programme. The prolonged applause for the real dances—thanks to the energy of the Real Club—was highly deserved. These were prettily done. The sight of some Sassenachs—and other "foreigners"—joining heartily in the eighteenth reel (one enterprising individual studying a book of rules between the steps) created abundant mirth.

The Lord Be Thankit

Shortly after eleven, supper was served in the dining room and tea lounge on the first floor, the scene (like that on the top floor) being magnificent. The names of those at the Chieftain's table were printed yesterday. Mr. Ferguson was with Lady Clementi and H. E. the Governor was with Mrs. Ferguson. The Chinese guest of the evening, the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, was a notable figure in his national costume.

Grace was said by the Rev. F. C. Young, the wording on the menu being:

Some hae meat, and canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it;
But we hae meat and we can eat,
And see the Lord be thankit.

The Society

It is usual for something to be said about the St. Andrew's Society. The catering by the Hotels Co. was exemplary. After the loyal toast, the imposing ceremony of ushering in the haggis was carried out. Pipe-Major Mackie of the Borderers led the way, followed by Lieut. H. R. Forsyth of the Scottish Co., Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, who had the honour of bearing the "great chieftain of the Puddin' race." Next came Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E., also of the Scottish contingent of the Volunteers, who acted as Barley Bree carrier.

The haggis was placed before the Chieftain who rose and gave the piper, carrier and barley bree highlander each a dram from the "quinch." Then the Chieftain took a dram himself, tilting and kissing the bottom of the cup to ensure "nae heel taps." The Chieftain then tendered a dram to H.E. the Governor who drank in similar manner. Finally the gentlemen at the official table were also served with a dram each.

Chieftain's Speech

In making the speech of the evening, Mr. Ferguson said:

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen—Some of our previous Presidents on these occasions have been known to say at the outset how pleased they were to be allowed to speak. I'm going to be frank and inform you I consider this is the most unpleasant part of the

Governor's Departure

We have a large gathering of Scots here to-night and I would like to take advantage of this, probably the only opportunity of expressing on behalf of the St. Andrew's Society, our thanks to you at the departure from the Colonies before many moons of H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi. On his arrival here, Mr. Governor, our boycott troubles were still with us and we, the civilians, may know little of the anxious times he has passed through and of the difficult problems which have been satisfactorily dealt with during his term of office. Some of us do know however, how much trouble there has been in the past, and we hope that the present difficulties will be easily overcome.

At the end of his speech, the Bishop of Victoria (the Rev. C. R. Dwyer, D.D.) will preach at Maths during the course of which he will license the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, R.A., of the Constant Chapel of St. Andrew's Church.

The sermon at evening will be delivered by the Rev. O. B. Shaw, M.A., Clergyman in charge.

In the afternoon, at 1.45 p.m. there will be a Children's Service at the Anglican Church of St. John the Evangelist, followed by a service at the Anglican Church of St. Paul.

At 4.30 p.m. there will be a service at the Anglican Church of St. John the Evangelist, followed by a service at the Anglican Church of St. Paul.

The Second and Wolf Cub will also parade at the same time.

greater responsibilities, we trust that affairs will run smoothly and his new appointment be in the nature of a rest after his trying and exacting experiences in Hong Kong.

Rather than spend the time reading telegrams received from various points I have requested that they be exhibited on a board outside and those interested will thus be able to see the congratulatory messages the Society has received.

I now ask you all to rise and drink in silence to the toast. "The pious and immortal memory of St. Andrew."

Exchange of Cables

It was announced that the Hong Kong Society had sent telegrams to Scottish communities at:

Negri Sembilan, Zamboanga, Saigon, Tsingtao, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Rangoon, Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Singapore, Bangkok, Manila, Cebu, Ilolo, Sandakan, Canton (Shameen), Swatow, Foochow, Shanghai, Tientsin, Taipeh, Peking, Ipoh, Perak, Batavia, Malacca, Serabaya, Aden, Mamboera (Seremban).

The following telegrams were received from kindred Societies elsewhere:

Telegrams Received

Hankow.—Greetings frae Hankow Scots.

Sandakan.—Mak' the Rafters Dir.

Malacca.—Heartiest Greetings frae Malacca Scots.

Rangoon.—Heartiest greetings frae Brither Scots Rangoon.

Calcutta.—Brither Scots send Heartiest Greetings.

Seremban.—Heartiest Greetings frae Negri Sembilan.

Ipoh.—Heartiest Greetings from Perak Scots.

Shanghai.—Shanghai Scots celebrating on 29th send hearty greetings.

Singapore.—Heartiest Greetings frae Singapore.

Dalren.—Greetings frae Brither Scots.

Kuala Lumpur.—Heartiest Greetings from Selangor.

Canton.—Canton Scots send Heartiest Greetings.

Tsingtao.—Tsingtao Scots send Heartiest Greetings.

Bangkok.—Bangkok Scots send Greetings.

Amoy.—Amoy Scots send hearty Greetings.

Yokohama.—Yokohama and Tokyo Scots send hearty Greetings.

Peking.—Heartiest Greetings frae Brither Scots.

Madras.—Reciprocate Greetings.

Foochow.—Gathering we greet ye.

Penang.—Heartiest Greetings frae Brither Scots.

Manila.—Heartiest Greetings frae Brither Scots.

Tsinling.—Lang may your lum reek! Ave Atque Vale!

Batavia.—Greetings frae Batavia.

Absent Hong Kong Scotsmen

Heartiest Greetings—Mackie.

Hearty Greetings—Reid.

Greetings frae Auld Freens—Templeton and Henderson.

Auchtermuchty.

At the close, the Chieftain's party was piped back to the platform in the main dance hall.

Dancing continued until the early hours of the morning—but late

trams and ferries were thoughtfully provided to cope with the heavy traffic. The dancing on the wonderful floor was much enjoyed, so much so that many couples stayed until the final extra.

Buffets, including "Auchtermuchty," were thoroughly raided before the celebrations concluded.

Parade Service

The Scottish Company of the

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence

Corps will hold the annual parade

service at Union Church, Kennedy

Road, at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Lieut. H. R. Forsyth will be

command. The Chieftain (Mr.

A. H. Ferguson) and the Committee

of the St. Andrew's Society will also

attend, and the service will be con-

ducted by the Rev. F. C. Young.

Patronal Festival

To-morrow (Sunday) is the

Patronal Festival of the St. An-

drew's Church, Kowloon.

It is a day of thanksgiving of

the congregation for all the blessings

on the Church, its parish, and its

family life.

Besides being a festival day it

is also Diocesan Sunday and the

First Sunday in Advent, the begin-

ning of the Church's year.

Holy Communion will be ad-

ministered at 8.15 a.m. and at

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REFEREES' CLASSES FOR SHANGHAI

EXPERT TO GIVE INSTRUCTION IN THE SOCCER CODE

CAPT. A. H. GRAHAM

The Shanghai Football Association has had under consideration the prevailing shortage of qualified referees in Shanghai, and, with a view to remedying this shortage, of giving those who feel they would like to take up refereeing every opportunity of doing so, and of providing present referees with the means of taking a refresher course if they consider it necessary, has come to an arrangement with a highly-qualified instructor in refereeing, Captain A. H. Graham, who has undertaken to organize classes in refereeing, for civilians of any nationality. Captain Graham, who holds the English Football Association's highest qualifications as a referee, has taken charge of some of the most important matches played in the United Kingdom, and who has been responsible for the instruction of many hundreds of first-class referees officiating in Great Britain and elsewhere to-day, has very kindly consented to assist the Shanghai Football Association as much as he possibly can.

Definite Courses

For those desirous of becoming referees, Captain Graham has a definite course of instruction, consisting of nine lessons of about one hour each, and it has been his experience that any person of reasonable intelligence who attends the course and passes the subsequent oral examination, is generally thereafter an efficient and capable referee. His first course will commence on Wednesday, December 4, at 5.30 p.m., in a place in the Central District which has not yet definitely been decided on, and, as far as can be seen at present, will consist of three lessons each week for not more than three weeks. It is possible, however, that, if circumstances warrant it, he will condense the length of the course and intensify the instruction, thus allowing candidates to present themselves for examination sooner than normally would be the case. No fees of any kind will be payable by candidates, and those who pass will receive an official referee's card from the Shanghai Football Association which is recognized by any other Associations affiliated to the English F.A.

Full Facilities

The Shanghai Football Association hopes earnestly that those who contemplate taking up refereeing but who have hitherto refrained.

SHADOWS BEFORE,

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "CHINA MAIL"

Social Functions

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Bulldog Drummond."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Brass Knuckles."

To-day—World Theatre; "Phyllis of the Follies." (Continuous performance from 1.15 to 11.15 p.m.).

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Magic."

Home News

To-day—Inward from Europe via Negapatam ("Awa Maru").

Sports

To-day—Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

To-morrow—K.O.S.E. Gymkhana, Kwanti.

Land Sales

December 2—At P. W. D. Offices, three lots of Crown Land at Tai Kok

owing to an absence of full facilities for expert instruction in Shanghai, will take advantage of the opportunity which now presents itself, and that any referee who considers a refresher course might be of advantage to him will also come forward. Candidates may be of any nationality and of any age between 21 and 40, but those who need to wear glasses will not be eligible. Incidentally, Captain Graham will not have the least objection to non-candidates who may be interested in the matter attending the classes, as it is thought that many regular followers of football, who do not always see eye to eye with a referee, may possibly receive some enlightenment by seeing and hearing some of the laws of the game expounded by an acknowledged expert. The Association is having printed several hundreds of the latest edition of the "Referee's Chart and Footballer's Guide," and every member of a class for referees will receive a copy without charge.

Referees' Association To Meet

The monthly meeting of the above association will be held at the Council office of the Football Association on Thursday at 5.30 p.m. The lecture on knotty points will be given by Q.M.S. Scott. All referees, players, and others interested are cordially invited to attend.

GOLF

Starting Times At Fanling

The starting times for to-morrow at Fanling are as under:

9.24 a.m.	Dr. Dovey, J. S. Dykes.
9.28	O. Eager, A. Piercy.
9.32	W. J. Roberts, R. A. Campbell.
9.36	C. Mycock, E. J. Edwards.
9.40	G. W. Sewell, A. G. Copping.
9.44	J. Drummond, S. S. Perry.
9.48	W. G. Lorimer, J. Forbes.
9.52	E. M. Bryden, D. S. Robb.
9.56	D. M. Goodall, A. Webster.
10.00	C. W. Jeffries, S. T. Buttlin.
10.04	K. K. Rounds, O. D. Brown.
10.08	Currie & Fleming, Mathews & Jud.
10.12	H. R. Sturt, G. Davidson.
10.16	G. B. S. Thomson, W. J. S. Key.
10.20	H. A. Lammert, S. A. Seth.
10.24	H. Hampton, W. S. Hillier.
10.28	A. D. Humphreys, E. des L'Isles.
10.32	H. U. Ireland, E. D. Lawrence.
10.36	D. J. Gilmore, I. W. Shewar.
10.40	P. Morrison, F. Ellis.
10.44	A. B. Purves, T. C. Monaghan.
10.48	I. H. Gear, T. C. Fowle.
10.52	J. W. Robertson, C. G. Roberts.
10.56	Capt. Ashby, A. O. Brown.
11.00	R. M. Henderson, A. E. Lissaman.

Tsui, 3 p.m.

Lammert's Auction

Dec. 2—At Sales Room, Duddell Street, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous

To-day—Chinese Recreation Club "At Home," 8.30 p.m.

Dec. 3—British Association Lecture on "Charlotte Bronte" by Sir Henry Gollan, Cathedral Hall.

A TIP ABOUT TIPS

A useful travelling tip has been given by the veteran head porter of one of the best hotels in London, "On the Continent" he said, "the baggage porters at big hotels have a method of informing each other as to the generosity of their patrons.

"Thus, for example, when leaving a fashionable hotel in Paris if a client is liberal with his tips the hotel labels will be stuck on the top of the trunk, and when arriving at an hotel in the south of France or in Naples or Cairo the porters will be almost over-anxious to attend to the traveller's requirements.

"If, on the other hand, he does not tip sufficiently well the labels will be put on the sides of the baggage, and at the next destination the staff will not be nearly so attentive."

A PINEAPPLE KING'S PARADISE

LOVELY CANADIAN HOME OF AN HAWAIIAN MILLIONAIRE

TROUT FISHING JOY

Vancouver, B.C.—Because he likes true sport, especially fly-fishing for trout, James D. Dole, of Honolulu, has invested nearly \$40,000 at Penask Lake, a veritable sportsman's paradise in the heart of the interior of British Columbia. James D. Dole, multi-millionaire "pineapple king" of Hawaii, is the man whose name was specially prominent in the world press a few years ago, when he was the donor of a \$50,000 prize to the first airman to fly from the Pacific Coast to Hawaii.

When the writer was the guest of Mr. Dole recently at Penask Lake, where he has erected a magnificent chalet, he found the directing head of an organization which employs 8,000 workers in Hawaii alone, enjoying the ease and contentment of a fisherman away from the world's hurry and worry, din and turmoil.

Wearing a thick woolen "lumberjack's shirt," high and heavy leather boots familiar to prospectors, and on his head an old tweed cap with flies and hooks tucked here and there like porcupine quills "J.D." held the helm of his outboard motor as he took us across Penask Lake.

A Rare Spot
Penask is a rare spot: 256 miles east of Vancouver and 50 miles or more "in off" the highway at Merritt, the lake, about five miles long and two miles wide, is of dazzling beauty. We saw it rimmed with blue spruces and cottonwoods and poplars that were wearing their yellow autumn suits. The bed of the lake has clear white sandstone foundation. Nowhere can be seen rank undergrowth, every view is park-like. Here is a near white sandy beach, there a natural meadow. There are eighteen islands dotted here and there in the lake, each providing shelter so that trout may be fished for at any time, in wind or when calm. Mr. and Mrs. Dole and their friends have the use of 15 boats, two with outboard motors. But it is not only his friends who enjoy the pleasures of Penask.

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Convenience in the Wilderness
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From the porches of the chalet, entered through modern, white enameled bungalow doors, one may look across the lake and see the trout jumping after flies, the fish-hawks pouncing from tree top nests in search of trout for supper. Pelicans visit occasionally, while in their seasons deer and bear often may be seen drinking at the edge of the lake.

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PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM

D. M. S. S. ON SANITARY BOARD

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

With a view to the reorganization of the medical and sanitary services of the Colony (the Government "Gazette" states), it is considered desirable to associate the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services more closely with the working of the Sanitary Department and, in order that he may have the opportunity of acquiring first-hand knowledge of the working of that department, it has been decided to place him on the Sanitary Board instead of the Medical Officer of Health.

When the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services has replaced the Medical Officer of Health as a member of the Sanitary Board, the Government will await such recommendations from him in the public health administration as his experience of the working of the Sanitary Department may prompt him to make.

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QUEEN'S

SPECIAL

ATTRACTION!

SERGEI STUPIN

Celebrated Russian

'Cellist

AT ALL PERFORMANCES

COMMENCING TO-MORROW

CHURCH NOTICES

A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL HONG KONG

December 1st, 1929. Advent Sunday 2nd Diocesan Festival

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Holy Communion at Peak Church, 8 a.m.

Children's Service, 10 a.m.

Sunday School at Peak School, 10 a.m.

Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.

Preacher: The Dean.

Holy Communion, 12.15 p.m.

Evensong, 6 p.m.

Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.

Social Evening in Cathedral Hall after Evensong.

Later.

Mr. Ryuu Tanaka, former leader of the Selyuhonto Party, and now a member of the Minseito Party, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Kobashi.—Reuter.

Convenience in the Wilderness

The outburst of plague in the southern part of Bombay Presidency is causing the Health Department of the Government grave concern. Many deaths have been reported recently. The number reached 100 during September.

Fewer difficulties are expected to be placed in the way of persons who have hitherto been prevented from entering the United States for political reasons.

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It was in this environment, the atmosphere of spruces and pines, of fish-hawks and pelicans, peace and contentment, that Mr. Dole told the writer something about the business he directs. Our host, in the fifties, tall, sharp-featured, his black hair streaked with grey, was free and fluent in speech. He was still wearing his old tweed cap with its fish hooks and flies as he told us something about his everyday

HONG KONG DEVELOPMENT, BUILDING & SAVINGS SOCIETY

Contributors Air Indignant Views

SUGGESTED LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Mr. J. Hennessey Seth, representing the Liquidators (Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Ltd.) presided at the adjourned meeting of the Hong Kong Development, Building and Savings Society, Ltd. (in liquidation) held in the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The meeting had been adjourned on at least two previous occasions owing to the fact that nobody present would second the adoption of the annual report and statement of accounts presented by the liquidators.

At the last meeting several protests were made by contributors, who were among the smaller shareholders of the Company, against the recent call-up of \$1 per share to meet the demands of creditors, and the Chairman was asked why many persons who held major blocks of shares had been able to evade their obligations.

At yesterday's meeting, Mr. Leo d'Almada, senr., on behalf of five of the contributors, presented a series of questions for the Chairman to answer, and one speaker suggested that legal action against the late Directors and promoters of the Company be taken.

The Chairman said that the meeting had been convened for October 26 and was adjourned until yesterday in order that the meeting be opened for discussion. He formally proposed that Liquidators' report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted.

This proposition was seconded by Mr. Chung So-yuet and was adopted.

Mr. Leo d'Almada said he was very grateful for the courtesy extended to him as representing five of the contributors who desired to ask certain questions which had been sent to Mr. Seth. He understood that they had been formally considered by Mr. Seth who had prepared what purported to be answers to the questions. Mr. d'Almada continued he would put one question at a time and accept the answer subject to any reservations that he or the contributors would have with regard to those questions.

APPLICATIONS FOR SITES

Mr. d'Almada's questions and Mr. Seth's answers were as under:

1. From the records of the company now in your possession, please state the actual number of applications received by the Directors from persons desiring to obtain the assistance of the company in building houses as mentioned in the company?

From the records in our possession 1633 persons appear to have applied for sites.

2. On what date were the negotiations for the acquisition from the Government of the plateau below Jardine's Look Out completed as stated in the said prospectus?

I regret I am unable to give the date when the negotiations were completed, but this was probably before December 17, 1923, as there is a reference in the Minute Book to the proposed engagement of Architects on that date.

Mr. Seth remarked he was still looking for papers. If they were in his possession the contributors could have them.

NO RECORD

3. On what date was the grant of the said land made to the company as mentioned in the chairman's speech to the shareholders at the statutory meeting of the company on March 20, 1924?

I am unable to give you the date when the grant of Jardine's Lookout was made to the Company, as there is no record in the Minute Book of the date.

4. If no grant of the said land was ever made by the Government to the company will you kindly state from your records the reason or reasons which prompted the Directors to abstain from applying for same or the reason or reasons which prompted the Government to refuse to make the grant if such was the case?

There is no record among the papers in the possession of the Liquidators stating whether the grant had ever been made or that the Government had refused to make one. Reference to a grant was made by the Chairman at the statutory meeting held on March 20, 1924, when he stated that the original area of 29.47 acres had been increased by approximately five times, and later stated that certain members of the Government had visited the site with members of the Board, and decided upon the extension on favourable terms. At the same meeting the Chairman stated that no grant had been made of land upon which Chinese houses could be erected. I am not in a position to state whether the Directors abstained from applying for this site, but at a Board meeting held on October 28, 1925, the Chairman stated, "We had only received nine or ten payments of \$1,000 each as a temporary deposit." In the circumstances it was decided not to proceed with the development scheme at present.

amounts lent out and securities obtained by the Society:

Amount of Loan	Security
\$100,000	6,666 Macao Electrics
\$47,502.16	150 China Sugars
\$75,000	400 Malabon, 50 Shanghai Cottons, 100 Shanghai Docks, 50 Orleans, 100 Shanghai Lands, 100 Dairy Farm, 2,000 Cements combined.
\$12,000	500 China Lights combined. 2,600 Humphreys
\$46,900	10 Hong Kong Banks
\$29,000	150 Wharves Government War Bonds
\$5,000	400 Wharves and 900 Shanghai Docks.
\$185,000	Preston, new and old, 500 China Lights Com- bined.
\$14,000	1,750 Taxis and 100 China Sugars.
\$7,000	175 Wharves and 2,000 Cements.
\$41,000	150 Hong Kong Ropes Combined.
\$60,000	100 Hong Kong Lands and 100 China Sugars.
\$3,000	Peoples' Savings Cor- poration.
\$101,000	Mortgage.
\$31,000	4,000 New Enginge- nings and 200 Malabon Sugars.
\$30,500	500 Hong Kong Ropes Combined.
\$73,000	100 Hong Kong Lands.
\$55,000	250 Wharves.
\$40,000	1,000 Hong Kong Trans. and 100 Hong Kong Lands.
\$35,000	100 China Sugars.
\$36,200	100 China Sugars.
\$35,000	100 China Sugars
\$30,000	Mortgage.

Mr. d'Almada asked whether Mr. Seth had any record in his possession, showing whether at any time a grant had been made to the Company.

Mr. Seth replied that he took over all the papers that were handed to him, and there was nothing on the records as far as he knew.

Mr. Chung So-yuet:—Arising out of your replies to questions 1-4 you have absolutely no record of any grant having been made. Everything points to the fact that no grant was ever made.

SOME SORT OF GRANT

Mr. Seth replied that at one period the Managers had a talk about an extension on favourable terms, and therefore it had to be assumed that there must have been some sort of grant.

Mr. Chung:—But from the records so far, no grant seems to have ever been made?

Mr. Seth:—Not so far as I know.

Mr. Chung:—I don't suppose you have found from the accounts of the Company any premiums paid? —No.

Mr. Chung:—So that would point to no grants having been made? Quite so.

5. What was the amount payable to the Government for premium under the 40 years' lease in the event of the Directors obtaining such a grant for the said land?

If this question refers to Jardine's Lookout, I regret I am unable to reply to it, but if it refers to Inland Lot 2454, etc., at Wongneichong, the premium paid to the Government was \$8,200.

Mr. Leo d'Almada:—I am sorry, the question was regarding Jardine's Lookout.

Mr. Seth:—I was not quite sure.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

6. Give the names of the persons (Directors) who were appointed to manage or control what the chairman stated at the first ordinary general meeting on January 17, 1925, to be a finance department of the society?

The following gentlemen served as members of the Finance Committee:—Rev. Father L. Robert, Mr. R. Shewan, Mr. H. A. Cartwright, Mr. C. E. H. Beavis, Mr. Chau Shiu-ki, Mr. Sam Pak-ming, and presumably, Mr. Fred Ellis, Managing Director.

Mr. d'Almada asked Mr. Seth if he would kindly look into the records and let him know whether Mr. Robert Shewan held the required number of shares to qualify him under the Articles of Association.

7. What were the powers, if any, given to such persons by the Board of Directors as a body?

No powers appear to have been delegated to the members of the Finance Committee, who acted in an advisory capacity. The powers of the Directors are clearly set out in Articles 119 to 125 of the Articles of the Association, which give the Directors power to raise, borrow and to invest, lend and otherwise deal with any monies.

Mr. d'Almada said he was very much obliged for the answer as it led to something else.

BORROWING POWERS

8. If the reply to question No. 7 should be "general powers" can you tell us whether the same included borrowing powers for the purpose of borrowing money to lend the same out at a higher rate of interest than the interest payable by the company on such loans on the security of shares in the local or other markets?

I am not prepared to express an opinion as to whether the powers conferred on the Directors empowered them to borrow money in order to lend out at a higher rate of interest on the security of shares.

9. We have reason to believe that the following are the

amounts lent out and securities obtained by the Society:

Mr. d'Almada:—That is right.

Mr. Seth:—That was provided for on the advice of the auditors, my firm.

Mr. Chung at this point referred to the Articles of Association pointing out that the Directors had power to borrow money for the purpose of the Company.

Could it be thought that borrowing money and lending it out on shares was for the purpose of the Company?

Mr. Seth remarked that Mr. Chung was practically asking him to reply in a different way to question No. 8. He was not a lawyer and could not give a legal opinion.

Mr. Chung:—Well, I suppose I am.

Mr. Chung asked Mr. d'Almada if he had come across anything in the Articles which gave the Directors that power.

A DIFFERENT ISSUE

Mr. d'Almada:—That is a different issue altogether.

Mr. Seth:—There you are!

Mr. d'Almada commented he did not think it was a fair question to put to Mr. Seth.

Mr. Seth:—Yes, I am not a lawyer and I don't pretend to be one.

15. Did any of the Directors (members of the finance committee) personally accept his share of responsibility for the loan and/or guaranteed the same?

The answer is in the affirmative.

16. If the answer is in the negative, will you kindly furnish us with the names of the borrowers, the respective dates when such loans were made, at what rate of interest and the period of such loans respectively?

From the list supplied it is not possible to give the information asked for.

LIST OPEN FOR INSPECTION

10. If such list should be incorrect, will you kindly furnish us with a correct list with the particulars asked for in question 9.

A correct list showing outstanding at December 31, 1924, and carried up to date with particulars of loans and repayments has been drawn up and is open to inspection.

11. If, after such loans were made, the shares or any of them depreciated in value, what were the steps taken by the Directors to obtain further margin or to cover?

I presume the Directors took what steps they considered necessary to obtain further margin on the loans, as from the minutes it would appear they were pressing the Managing Director to take steps to protect the Company's interest.

Mr. d'Almada:—Arising from that answer I take it that you are satisfied from the minutes which you mentioned that the Directors had practically laid all the blame on the Managing Director?

Mr. Seth:—Well, they certainly looked to him to protect the Company's interests.

MR. F. ELLIS ABSENT

12. If any of such loans were repaid, can you give us the dates or dates when such payments were made and by whom they were made?

Dates of repayment are shown in the statement referred to in reply to No. 10. The records do not show by whom to whom they were made.

13 and 14. In cases where such payments were not made, what steps have been taken by the Directors or by the Liquidators against the borrowers? If no legal steps were taken to recover the loans, can you state the reason or reasons why such steps were not taken either by the Directors or by the Liquidators?

The Liquidators sold such securities as were realisable, and have endeavoured to collect what they could from debtors. Legal steps have not been taken to recover loans as the Liquidators are satisfied it would be a waste of money. The Liquidators are endeavouring to compromise with debtors where possible rather than take extreme measures because, in their opinion, it will be more beneficial to the Company.

20. Will you kindly produce for inspection the agreement of October 18, 1923, made between Frederick Ellis, the Lite Managing Director, as from inquiries they made, his financial position does not warrant the incurring of heavy legal expenses. This attitude, I may add, has been adopted in consultation with the largest creditor.

Mr. d'Almada said that that was not a full answer. Could Mr. Seth say if the Directors had taken any steps in the matter?

Mr. Seth replied that the Directors had no power as, once a Company went into liquidation, their powers ceased. There was no call before liquidation.

21. Why was this agreement not registered with the Registrar of Companies when the Memorandum and Articles of Association were filed?

There was apparently no necessity to register the Agreement as it was adopted on the incorporation of the Company.

22. Can you state any reason why a mortgage of \$30,000 lent on the security of section "C" of Inland Lot No. 161 to one Mah Pak-mui was not registered with the Registrar of Companies as required by law and why the Liquidators have not, up to November 14, 1923, registered their names as such against the property at the Land Office?

I do not know of any local law which requires a limited Company to register with the Registrar of Companies a mortgage deed upon which the Company has advanced money, and as the Liquidators held the deeds relating to the property in question as mortgages, it appears quite unnecessary to register their names against the property at the Land Office.

23. This mortgage was for a period of six months only. Can the Liquidators give any reason why the same has not been called in, or if the Liquidators have foreclosed or entered into possession by virtue of the powers under the mortgage, why was not the security realised?

Mr. d'Almada suggested that if Mr. Seth would investigate he would find that there was a law which required such to be registered.

Mr. Seth said that he differed, although it was a legal point and a brief discussion ensued.

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Mr. d'Almada:—That means that the Company will lose \$1,000 on the principal lent?

Mr. Seth:—And interest. Still, we are lucky to get something.

24. Will you kindly furnish us with a list of shareholders who have paid the first call of \$1 after the winding-up?

Copies of the Liquidators' account filed with the Registrar of Companies have been forwarded to Mr. Leo d'Almada from which the information asked for can be obtained.

25. Will you kindly furnish us with the following information:

(a) names of all Directors who were appointed from time to time since the formation of the company.

(b) dates of such appointments (c) dates when such Directors or any of them resigned or ceased to act as Directors by death or for any other reason?

A list of Directors had been drawn up from the records of the Company, but owing to pressure of work in getting out the information necessary to answer these questions I have not yet had time to compare the list with the file kept by the Registrar of Companies.

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27. Please furnish us with the following information:

THE NEXT JAMBOREE SOUGHT BY U.S.A.

PLANS FOR LARGER GATHERING OF SCOUTS

SCHEME RECOMMENDED

The next Boy Scout World Jamboree—the fourth—may be held in America in 1933, bringing together boys from all corners of the world. A resolution was unanimously approved by all delegates at the recent International Scout Conference held in connection with the world jamboree in England, recommending that the next be held in the United States. Final action, however, was referred to the next International Scout Conference, which will be attended by delegates from all parts of the world and which will be held in Salzburg, Austria, during the summer of 1931.

To Bent Birkenhead

If the jamboree is brought to America it will undoubtedly be an even larger gathering of boys than that at Birkenhead this summer, said by Scout leaders to have been the greatest gathering of boys in the history of the world. Between 50,000 and 60,000 boys participated in the jamboree, among them nearly 1,300 Boy Scouts from America. Many of the boys had earned money to meet the cost of the trip.

620,000 Scouts in U.S.A.

Next February the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the organization. In point of numbers, although younger than the Boy Scouts Association of Great Britain, the Boy Scouts of America is the broadest wing of Scouting, with approximately 620,000 boys and 220,000 volunteer leaders, nearly 840,000 out of a total world membership of some 2,000,000.

Still Growing

Mr. Hubert S. Martin, Director of the Boy Scouts International Bureau in London, reporting to the international conference at Birkenhead, described a growth generally in the Scout movement throughout the world in the last three years in spite of the fact that the Boy Scouts have disbanded in Italy, where no such youth organization is permitted at the present time other than the Balilla, under patronage of the Fascist regime.

America Gaining

Mr. Martin reported increases totalling 208,000, which "include gains in the movement in America in the last three years—leaders, 67,590; Rover Scouts (an older Scout organization which does not exist in the United States), 11,512; Scouts, 69,976; Sea Scouts, 4,674; Wolf Cubs (a younger Scout organization which does not exist in this country), 54,858."

International Committee

The international committee of scouting, consisting of nine members, with Messrs. Frank Presbrey and Mortimer L. Schiff, of New York as American representatives, will meet at Kandersteg, Switzerland, in 1930. Lord Hampton of England and Herr Emmerich Teuber of Austria have resigned from this committee, and the vacancies were filled by the election of Count Paul Teleki, Hon. Chief Scout of Hungary, and the Rev. Father J. Jacobs, General Chaplain of the Boy Scouts of Belgium.

DEVELOPMENT CO.

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I shall be pleased to produce for inspection all contracts signed by shareholders which are in our possession at any reasonable time.

Mr. A. Mackenzie, referring to question 12, said he understood from the answer that some of the loans had been repaid. Was there any record of who made the repayments?

Mr. Seth replied that he did not know who actually paid or received the money. It would simply be credited to the person in the books of the Company.

Mr. Mackenzie:—Have all the loans been repaid?—No. I wish they were!

SAVE THEIR OWN SKINS!

Mr. Chung said it seemed that for the first time they had made the discovery that there were certain misrepresentations or what purported to be misrepresentations and it looked to him as though the shareholders who were being called upon to pay were enduring an unfair hardship, due principally to the promoters. He would like to ask if Mr. Seth would be willing to assist the contributors by consulting Mr. d'Almada with a view to finding some means of redress if there were any such means, against the Directors. It was an unpleasant thing to do but at the same time it was up to the shareholders to try to save their own skins.

Mr. Seth replied that he would be very pleased to assist the contributors in any possible way he could because his sympathies were



New Rover Scheme

QUEST FOR BEAUTY AND HAPPINESS

The Rover Scouts covered themselves with glory at this year's Jamboree, and in the Jamboree Souvenir Book, to be published this week, Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, tells how "these fellows were all alike in their readiness to chuck self and to serve; they gave proof visible that our training can produce community serving citizens."

Thus one result of the Jamboree has been a great awakening of interest in the Rover branch of the Scout movement, the head of which is Mr. F. B. Nevill, the Headquarters Commissioner for Rovers. This interest largely centres on Dr. F. W. Griffin's recent scheme of "Rover Quests," in which the round table and other principles of King Arthur and his knightly figures.

The scheme provides an outlet for the practice of the Rover motto "Service," the Scout laws, expanding into cheery—not solemn,

quests of scouting permeating every phase of the Rover's life. These quests are the quests of:

- Truth
- Rover Errantry
- Beauty
- Conscience
- Personal Efficiency
- World Scouting
- The younger brother
- Kindness to animals
- Happiness
- The spiritual.

Slaying the Dragon

The questing Rover seeks one quest on which to embark. If Rover Errantry be the one selected he seeks to be useful and to help others. Thus he may do in a variety of ways, such as by giving his blood for transfusion, running soup kitchens, or acting as a "pal" to some youngster on police court probation.

The Rover in quest of beauty wages a campaign against litter and slovenliness, fights false values in art and life, and seeks to slay the dragon of ugliness in any form, and to rescue therefrom the fair maid of beauty.

In quest of happiness the Rover sallies forth to bring friend-

liness to the lonely, pleasure to the crippled, joy to poor kiddies, and so on.

After serving a novitiate the questing Rovers of a crew form themselves into a unit known as a "Round Table." At their meeting a round table is used as a focussing point. Its top, like the Arthurian round table still preserved at Winchester, is partitioned into segments corresponding to the ten quests. In the centre is a circle without a circle, the ancient symbol for Infinitus Deity, representing the Holy Grail of Arthurian adventure, the higher service to which all quest must point.

Through a system of scribes, local round tables lead to county round tables, and so on to national round tables, so that, by introducing the Scout promise and spirit into every-day life, nobler citizenship may permeate the world.

The scheme is likely to receive considerable attention at the World Rover Gathering, the International Moot, which it has just been decided to hold in 1931 at Kandersteg, Switzerland.



The "Old Scout's" Column.

The words fill "Be Prepared" all true Scouts and Guides with a sense of awe, for their motto means so much, demands so much, of us. Others may say the words carelessly, and ask what Scouts and Guides have to be prepared for, a war which comes once in a lifetime perhaps they think; but this is not so, for if war should come, then Scouts and Guides must do their duty as they have in days gone by, and the motto applies to our daily life and the things we do.

First and foremost, it has a spiritual sense, for without this how could Scouts and Guides hope to "Be Prepared" for other things? You must ever do your best to do your duty to God and the King, which is what you promise when you are enrolled, and be watchful, that you may be prepared to withstand temptation. In times of comparative peace you are preparing for stormy days, which will prove whether you have learnt your lesson well. You must be always ready to apply your laws when there is special need, for often it is easy to do what you have promised when you meet no opposition.

Because of the Opportunities motto, part of Always your training is to learn to be of service to others. Opportunities are always arising, and we must "Be Prepared" to seize them ere they pass by.

Every day there are accidents, simple or otherwise, and in many cases, you have learnt how to relieve the pain of those who are suffering.

So the motto demands that you shall be watchful and learn how you can help others in many ways, so that you may "Be Prepared to Render Service" at all times.

The Boy Scout Pole movement has drawn material for its various rites and practices from different parts of the world, but apparently the American Indian has served most extensively as a model, probably because the movement originated in England, and America was the nearest source of object lessons in woodcraft. Had acquaintance with Australia been closer there is no doubt that our bush life would have impressed itself more strongly on the English ritual of the movement. But the American Indian methods were adopted, and even if changes come in Australia some of these

will survive, and one of them is the totem pole.

Never go in the water hints to unless you feel really bathers fit. If you are very tired, postpone the dip until next day. Look before you leap. In other words, before you dive, make sure you are not preparing to take a header into sixteen inches of water. Don't dive from a height unless you are a practised diver. It hurts nearly as much to fall flat on to water as on to a floor. Don't scream just for fun. You may get into difficulties later, and no one will guess that you are calling for help. Always take an extra wrap. You may feel chilly after bathing, even on a hot day. Wait at least an hour after a meal. Don't bathe when you are very very hungry.

Once a day is enough. Never Other People mind what other people do.

Keep within your depth unless you are a strong swimmer, or can float when you get tired.

Even then it is wise not to swim too far out to sea, especially if the tide is going out.

Ask the local people if there are any dangerous currents or quick-sands.

And if you have been ill within the last six months, be overhauled by your doctor before you go away. Cold water gives a great shock to a not-very-strong heart. Better forgo the joys of bathing than spoil your holiday.

Girl Guides' Grotto

Because guiding is such a normal activity, it seems remarkable that it has so much to offer girls who are blind, deaf, crippled, and ill. But the chief virtue of the movement is in its adaptability. It has been proved that physical disability cannot prevent them from enjoying the normal, healthy, cheerful things that other girls enjoy. It is nothing short of astonishing to watch the effect of girl guiding on a child who has been cut off from her fellows by some chronic disability. She loses her sense of inferiority to other people, and her improved mental state reacts favourably on her bodily health.

The guide company and brownie pack at the Institute for the Blind in Melbourne have been formed for a little over a year. The guides have already passed their tenderfoot test, and are working for their second-class badges. Things move more slowly than in a "sighted" company, because every guide needs individual attention. But in spite of that the tests only have to be slightly adapted. At present the guides are very excited over their Morse signalling, which they tap out on a keyboard. Two "sighted" rangers work in the patrols. The effect that guiding has had on the girls is evident to all who come in contact with them. One girl, of exceptional intelligence, used to do nothing but sit with her head dropped in her hands. But since she has been interested in guiding she finds that there are endless excitements in life. It was found that the blind children used hardly ever to play among themselves. But now they have learned all sorts of energetic games, and are being taught country dancing. Rangers have interested themselves in the blind guides, and have taken them for "hikes." Recently they went for a day's outing, and the blind guides loved every moment of a delightful day. They searched for nature specimens, and they cooked chops at the camp fire. The nature study work will, when it is in full swing, be most fascinating for them. At present they have learned with their sensitive fingers to distinguish garden flowers.

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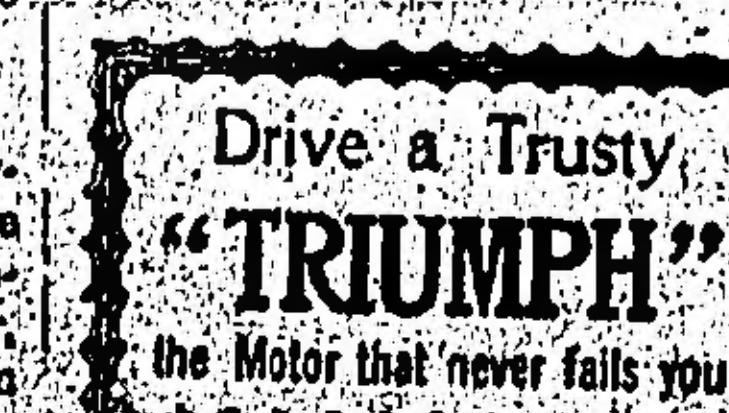
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Hong Kong,
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Stock	Closing Quota- tions 4 p.m. Friday, 29th	Rise or Fall over Week	Approximate yield per cent. per annum on closing quo- tations based on last dividend	Capital	Number of Shares	Value	Paid up	Reserve	Carried Forward	Date	Last Dividend	When Paid	
Banks													
H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp., Do. (London)	\$1,325 sellers £125 nominal	+ \$5.00	6½ %	\$20,000,000	160,000	\$125	\$125	\$6,000,000 \$14,000,000	\$8,897,812	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 28 Int. div. of 23 at 1/11/4 = \$31.18 per share for 1929	Aug. 6, 1929.	
Chartered Bank of I. A. & C.	\$10 buyers		5% %	\$3,000,000	800,000	25	25	24,000,000	\$186,650	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 20/6d. free I/tax Interim div. of 14% p.a. a/c. 1929	Sept. 11, 1929.	
Mercantile Bank of I. Ltd. A. & B. C.	\$20 nominal £15½ nominal			\$1,800,000	80,000	25	25	\$1,450,000	\$162,046	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 16%, free I/tax Interim of 8% a/c. 1929	Sept. 12, 1929.	
Bank of East Asia, Ltd.	\$95 buyers		8½ %	\$10,000,000	12) 100,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,500,000	\$401,740	31.12.28	Dividend of \$6 for 1928 and bonus \$2 making \$8 for 1928	Feb. 18, 1929	
Marine Insurances													
Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	\$805 buyers		5% %	\$2,500,000	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$1,041,235 \$1,021,770	\$1,657,848	31.12.28	Final of \$22 making \$40 for 1927. Int. of \$18 for 1928	May 23, 1929	
Union Ins. St'y of C'ton, Ltd.	\$355 sellers		6½ %	\$2,000,000	21) 200,000	\$10	\$4	\$69,500 \$203,125 \$2,314,291 \$2,112,819 \$2,000,000 \$247,860 \$150,000	\$254,170	31.12.28	Final of 16/- for 1927. Interim of 24/- a/c. 1928	May 24, 1929	
Yangtza Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	M. \$50 nominal		7 %	\$2,500,000	15) 250,000	\$10	\$10	\$152,692 \$4,224			Dividend \$3½ for 1928	June 23, 1929	
China Underwriters, Ltd.	\$2.00 b. \$2.10 s.	- \$0.10		\$5,000,000	3) 500,000	\$10	\$8	\$759,762 \$1,000,000		Dr. \$87,463	31.12.28 none	
Fire Insurances													
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$310 buyers	+ \$5.00	5% %	\$2,000,000	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$769,875 \$1,089,690 \$2,452,412 \$1,092,152 \$200,000	\$907,311	31.12.28	\$9 and bonus \$6 for 1927 and Interim \$8 for 1928	May 24, 1929	
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$915 sales		5½ %	\$2,000,000	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$2,300,000 \$1,795,586 \$512,071 \$100,000					
Shipping													
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$25½ nominal			\$1,000,000	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$186,436 \$190,074	NH	31.12.28	Div. of \$4 for 1924	Mar. 28, 1928	
H'kong, C. & M. S. B. Co., Ltd.	\$26½ nominal		8% %	\$1,200,000	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$50,000 \$1,545 \$363,331 \$438,881	\$36,500	31.12.28	Dividend of \$1 for 1928	Feb. 19, 1929	
Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. Preferred	\$46 buyers \$70 nominal	+ \$0.50		\$1,200,000	1) 120,000 1) 120,000	25	25	\$2,300,000 \$220,315 \$50,698 \$364,677 \$260,478 \$127,917			Div. of 12/- at ex. 2/0/4 = \$5.94/a/c. 1924 and 1925 on preferred shares Div. of 80/- at ex. 2/6/4 = \$11.90 on deferred shares a/c. 1921	June 19, 1929	
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	\$70 nominal		5 %	\$800,000	2) 80,000	\$10	\$10	\$100,000 \$160,000 \$98,712	\$40,038	31.12.28	Div. \$2 and bonus \$1½ making \$3½ for 1928	Feb. 15, 1929	
Refineries													
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	90 cts. buyers \$27 nominal			P. \$2,000,000 420,000	80,000 14,000	P. \$25 80	P. \$25 80	P. 244,000	nill	31.12.28	P. 3 a/c. 1928 (In Liquidation)	April 11, 1929	
Oil and Mining													
Kailan Mining Administration	56/3' nominal	- 2/6	8½ %	\$2,000,000	250,000	\$1	\$1				Div. for 1928 4/-, free I/tax Int. of 2/- Free Income Tax for year ending 30-6-29 (Coupon No. 34)	May 16, 1929	
Maatschappij tot. &c. Combined	Tls. 12.00 n.			Tls. 1,825,000	250,000	Gldns. 10 Tls. 5	all	Tls. 158,166 NH			T. 0.50 for year 31-10-27 non	April 5, 1928	
Do. Langkat-Single	Tls. 7½ nominal			Tls. 3,000,000	600,000	Tls. 5		Tls. 580,000			T.-75 cts. for 1926	Feb. 15, 1927	
Do. Exploration & Development	Tls. 1.30 nominal			Tls. 1,250,000	250,000	Tls. 5					Div. for 1928/1929. 2/6d. Interim of 1/6d. a/c. 1929/1930	Pending	
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$12 nominal	+ \$1.50	13 %	\$200,000	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$10,000	\$7,821	31.3.29	Div. for 1928 5/- Interim of 2/- free of Income Tax, a/c 1928 (Coupon No. 55)	Pending	
Shell T'port & T'ding Co., Ltd.	16/- sales		5½ %	\$43,000,000	17) 300,000 (5% cred.) (7½ cred.) 9) 30,000,000	\$10 \$1 \$1	\$10 \$1 \$1	\$6,854,165	\$237,604	31.12.28	Div. for 1928 5/- Interim of 2/- free of Income Tax, a/c 1928	Feb. 8, 1929	
Docks, Wharves & Godowns													
H'kong & K. W. & G. Co., Ltd.	\$147 sellers	+ \$1.00	5½ %	\$4,000,000	80,000	\$50	\$50	\$100,000 \$400,000	\$360,063	31.12.28	Div. \$8 and bonus \$2 making \$8 for 1928	Mar. 7, 1929	
H.K. & W. Dock Co., Ltd.	\$32½ buyers			\$10,000,000	20) 200,000	\$50	\$50	\$3,000,000 \$121,881			Final div. of \$2 making \$4 for 1924	Mar. 31, 1925	
S'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 95 buyers	- T. 1.50	8 %	Tls. 2,785,000	4) 55,700	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,880,000 \$80,000			Dividend of Tls. 7½ for the year ending 30.4.29	Aug. 16, 1929	
New Engineering & Ship'bldg Wks, Ltd.	Tls. 7½ nominal	+ T. 0.50	5½ %	Tls. 5,000,000	50) 500,000 30) 500,000	Tls. 5 5	Tls. 5 5	Tls. 600,000 745,012 200,000	Tls. 54,379	31.12.28	Tl. 0.40 for 1928	Mar. 15, 1929	
S'hai & H'kew Wharf Co., Ltd.	Tls. 190 nominal		5% %	Tls. 4,000,000	26) 40,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 120,416 \$450,000 75,000			Div. for 1928, Tls. 11 Interim of Tls. 8 a/c. 1929	Sept. 12, 1929	
Lands, Hotels & Buildings													
H'kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.	\$10.40 b \$10½ sa			\$10,000,000	8) 1,000,000	\$10	\$10	\$6,518,348	\$175,510	31.12.28	Final div. of \$0.60 on Old and New shares for year ending 31.12.24	April 8, 1925	
H'kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	\$64½ b. \$64½ s. \$64/64½ sa.		6½ %	\$6,000,000	240,000	\$25	\$25	\$7,000,000 \$250,000 \$60,000	\$985,978	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, \$4 Int. div. of \$2 for 1920.	Aug. 2, 1929	
H'phrey Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	\$14.40 sales	+ \$0.30	7 %	\$1,500,000	160,000	\$10	\$10	\$450,000 \$60,000 \$22,688	\$68,728	31.12.28	Div. 80 cents and bonus 20 cents making \$1 for 1928	Feb. 8, 1929	
S'hai Land Investment Co. Ltd.	Tls. 161 nominal		5½ %	Tls. 7,020,000	140,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 2,024,010 \$500,000	\$602,303.17	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 9 Interim of Tls. 8 a/c. 1928	July 31, 1929	
H.K. Realty & Trust Co., Ltd.	\$8.00 buyers	+ \$0.10	7½ %	\$2,000,000	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$200,000	\$11,057	31.12.28	Div. for 1928, 60 cents Interim of 30 cents a/c. 1929....	Aug. 12, 1929.	
Cotton Mills													
Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Tls. 14.60 sellers Tls. 107 nominal	+ T. 0.25	4 %	Tls. 5,000,000	15) 1,000,000 19) 10,000	Tls. 5 100	Tls. 5 100	Tls. 2,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$204,760		31.12.28	Div. for 1928, Tls. 0.60 Interim div. of T. 0.40 a/c. 1929	Aug. 23, 1929	
Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	(Old) Tls. 77 b. (New) Tls. 49½ n.		6½ %	Tls. 4,000,000	80,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$204,760			Div. of Tls. 2½ for Old, Tls. 1½ for New for half year ending 31.10.29 Final call of Tls. 25 on new shares payable 29 Jan. 1930	Nov. 25, 1929	
Zoong Sing Cotton Mills, Ltd.	Tls. 9½ nominal		6½ %	Tls. 2,000,000	18) 200,000	Tls. 10	Tls. 10	Tls. 300,000 \$100,000 \$20,000			Tl. 0.60 for year ending 30 June 1929	Oct. 11, 1929	
China Light & Power Co., Ltd. (Old) (New)	\$16.40 buyers \$16.10 buyers		3½ %	\$3,600,000 \$400,000	720,00								

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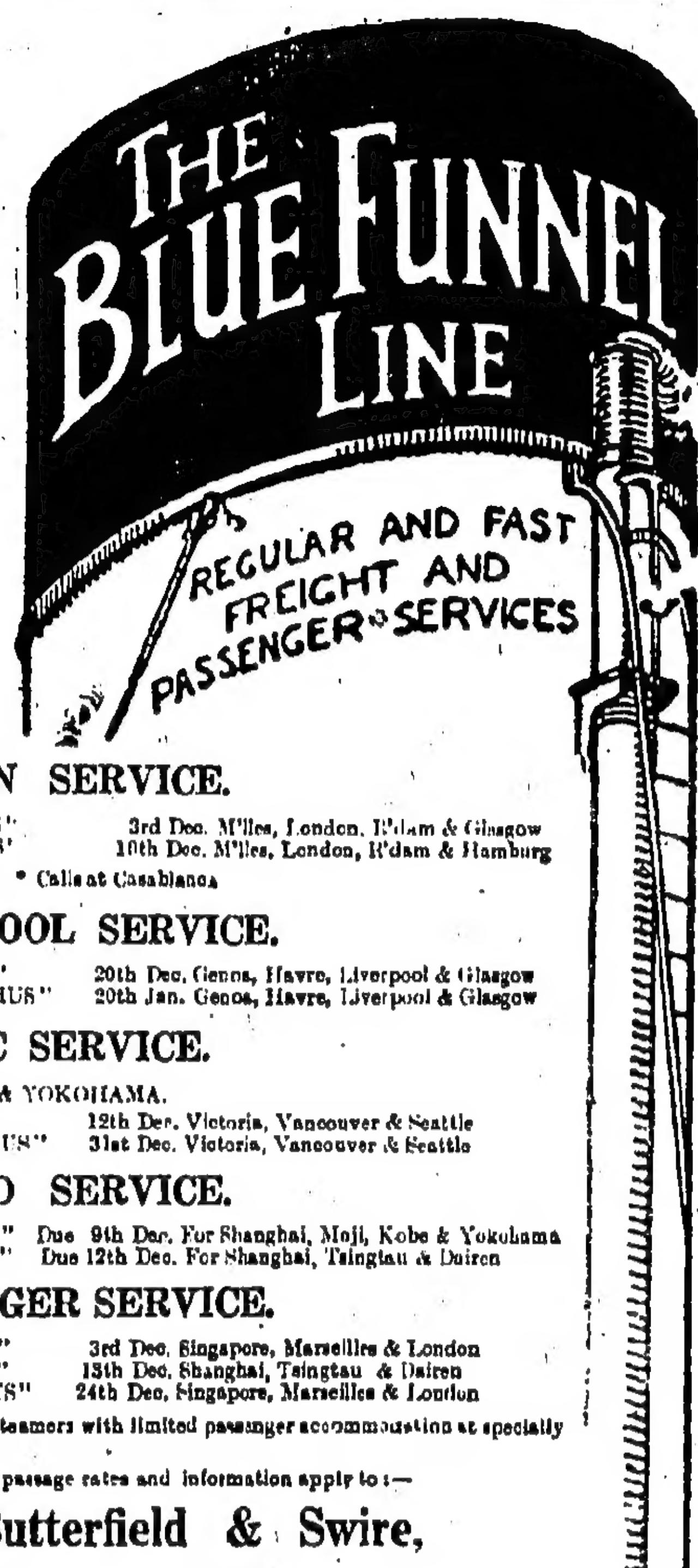
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List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:—Javazee, Nicolline, Maersk, Morioka Maru, Canton, Tai Yuan, Antung, Nanning, Kaying, and President Jefferson.

INWARD MAIIS

From	Per	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30.
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, October 31)	Awa Maru	
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1		
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning	
Japan	Teucer	
Japan	Canada Maru	
Manila	President Jefferson	
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.		
Shanghai and Amoy	Tean	
Calcutta and Straits	Yunsang	
Japan	Yokohama Maru	
U.S.A. (San Francisco, Nov. 8) Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Grant	

OUTWARD MAIIS

For	Per	SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	2 p.m.
Saigon	Prominent	8.30 p.m.
Amoy	Luchow	8.30 p.m.
Formosa	Koenigsbey	5 p.m.
Manila	President Wilson	5 p.m.
Formosa	Koenigsberg	5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco	President Jefferson (Due San Francisco, Dec. 23) and "Europe via Siberia"	
Ship sails, 6 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2.		
Parcels	Nov. 30, 5 p.m.	
Registration	5 p.m.	
Letters	5 p.m.	
Shanghai and "Europe via Siberia"	President Jefferson Letters	Nov. 30, 6 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1.	New Mathilde	8.30 a.m.
Holbow and Haiphong	Pfahl	9 a.m.
"Straits and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Kaijan	9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Hozan Maru	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and "Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Shidzuka Maru (Due Victoria, B.C. Dec. 28 and "Europe via Siberia")	
Registration	Dec. 2, 8.15 a.m.	
Letters	8.30 a.m.	
Shanghai and Calcutta	Pavel	10 a.m.
Letters	10 a.m.	

PREMIER SCARES HIS COMRADES

CABINET MINISTERS' SALARIES TO BE REVIEWED

28,000 A YEAR

Rugby, Yesterday. The salaries of Ministers of State are to be reviewed. The Premier, in a written reply to a Parliamentary question, says that he proposes to set up a committee representing all parties to consider and report upon the matter. He suggests that the committee should take the report of the committee of 1920 and consider whether it requires any modification in the light of circumstances of to-day.

The committee of 1920 recommended that the Prime Minister's salary should be raised from £5,000 to £8,000, and that the salary to each of the two Law Officers should be reduced by two £3,000. The Committee also recommended the following scale for Ministers: twelve at £5,000; four at £3,000; six at £2,000; eighteen at £1,500; three at £1,000. All Cabinet Ministers, irrespective of office, were to receive £5,000 yearly.—British Wireless Service.

SOUTH POLE FLIGHT

Commander Byrd Set Out On 1,800 Mile Trip

New York, Yesterday. The newspapers here report that the Antarctic explorer, Commander Byrd, started this morning from the base, with "Little America" on the Antarctic 1,800-mile flight to the South Pole and back. Byrd is flying a big three-engined aeroplane, accompanied by Bernt Balchen, pilot, Harold June, wireless operator and Captain Ashley McKinley, photographer. They expect to communicate by wireless with a New York newspaper throughout the flight which is expected to be concluded within 24 hours.—Reuter's American Service.

"Byrdland" Washington, Yesterday. The British Note of November last year, touching upon lands in the Antarctic, is acknowledged today in a Note which is taken to indicate a desire to avoid discussion at present, possibly on account of the Naval Conference.

The "New York Times" points out that the importance of the matter is enhanced by Commander Byrd's discovery of new areas, the so-called Mary Byrdland, in the Rockefeller Range.

The paper says that the British claims were outlined in the summary of the proceedings at the Imperial Conference of 1926. It adds, however, that American officials hold that the discoveries of Walkes in 1840, and Palmer in 1920, give the United States certain claims to Antarctica.—Reuter's American Service.

SEASIDE BLAZE

Pier And Steamers Burnt Out By Fire

Boston, Mass., Yesterday.

Five excursion steamers, a pier and a dozen buildings were destroyed by fire at the summer resort, Nantasket Beach.

The flames raged almost unchecked for several hours last night, driven by a gale.—Reuter's American Service.

TO-DAY ONLY

at 2.30, 5.20, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.

THE MAGICIAN

With ALICE TERRY PAUL WEGENER

REINHOLD INGRAM'S

GERMAN WAR GUILT REPUDIATED

MINISTER'S BITTER ATTACK ON AUTHOR OF PEOPLE'S BILL

STRESEMANN'S SACRIFICE

Berlin, Yesterday. During the Reichstag debate on the Nationalist Bill, Dr. Curtius, the Foreign Minister, after announcing that the Government expected a rejection of the Bill, and that there would be a referendum on December 22, said that the Government regarded the Bill as an attack against the State's authority and the Government's foreign policy, about which he ridiculed the assertion that the latter was based on the recognition of Germany's war guilt. He declared that the Government had repeatedly repudiated the war guilt, and stood by that repudiation.

Dr. Curtius bitterly attacked the author of the demand for a referendum against the Young Plan, and said that "if the freeing of Germany from the claims of Versailles were so simple, Dr. Stresemann would not have been obliged to sacrifice himself for this purpose." —Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND

Lord Bledisloe To Be Governor

London, Yesterday. The King has approved the appointment of Lord Bledisloe to be Governor of New Zealand in succession to Sir Charles Ferguson.—Reuter.

Political Career

Rugby, Yesterday. The King has approved the appointment of Lord Bledisloe to be Governor-General of New Zealand in succession to General Sir Charles Ferguson, whose term of office will expire early in 1930.

The new Governor-General became a Conservative Member of Parliament for South Wiltshire in 1910.

He was then Mr. Charles Batherst. In 1917, the Knight hood of the Order of the British Empire was conferred upon him. In 1918 he received a peerage and assumed the title of Lord Bledisloe. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food during the war. He has made farming his specialty and has presided over many agricultural bodies.—British Wireless Service.

PROPHET OF SCIENCE

Death Of American Seismologist

Washington, Yesterday.

The death is announced of Father Francis Tondorf, a director of the seismological observatory, Georgetown University. His most notable achievement was the location of the Japanese earthquake in 1923, hours before the world was aware of the catastrophe.—Reuter's American Service.

RECORD FLIGHT

Paris, Yesterday.

The French Aero Club has officially recorded the distance of the straight line flown by Costa and Bellonte from Le Bourget to the neighbourhood of Taitshar as 7,905.140 kilometres—a world record.—Reuter.

DARING RESCUE

Crew Of Wrecked Trawler Saved

Rugby, Yesterday.

A fine piece of rescue work was effected in the early hours of yesterday by five men and women of the little village of Newton Hill, Kincardineshire, Scotland, who were awakened by distress signals from a trawler which had been driven ashore in a violent storm and was pounding helpless on the rocks.

The rescue party succeeded with difficulty in getting a line aboard the vessel, and in an improvised chair the crew of ten were hauled safely ashore through the surf.

The rescue was completed before the Aberdeen lifeboat reached the scene.—British Wireless Service.

PEACE PRIZES

Not To Be Awarded This Year

Oulu, Yesterday.

The Storting (Norwegian Parliament) has decided not to award peace prizes for 1929 and 1930.

HEAR

100% TALKING



RONALD COLMAN as

"Bulldog Drummond" holds

the international crooks at bay.

QUEEN'S

TO-DAY TO TUESDAY
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OVERSEAS TRADE

Big Orders Placed By Rhodesia

Rugby, Yesterday.

In view of the importance that is attached to the expansion of British trade with the Empire overseas, especially as contributing to the relief of unemployment in this country, the following announcement from the London office of the Rhodesian